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## CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

# Nearly 50 state workers shun mandate

### Disregard for Lamont's vaccine-or-testing order has employees facing discipline or firing

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN — Nearly 50 state workers have faced disciplinary action or firing after violating Gov. Ned Lamont's mandate that employees get the vaccine or

undergo weekly COVID testing, including the first non-probationary workers.

Lamont said Monday that an additional 20 long-term, permanent workers have been placed on unpaid leave as the state has reached a compliance rate of 99%.

"Talking to my fellow governors, people are pretty impressed that we've got probably 99% compliance," Lamont told reporters. "That's incredibly important. Remember, just a month ago, we were saying maybe 70 or 75%. A lot of people could be lost [to firing or

unpaid leave]. But that's not what's happening. I really give a shout out to state employees and our friends in collective bargaining who put together a deal that makes sense for people. Right now, I think we're better than 99%. I'm very thankful for that."

Overall, more than 600 state employees were listed earlier this month as noncompliant in 50 different agencies, departments, and commissions — ranging from small agencies like the chief medi-

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## COLIN POWELL 1937-2021



Gen. Colin Powell shares a laugh with participants at the World Youth Peace Summit in 2011 at the University of Hartford. Powell died Monday at age 84. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

# TRAILBLAZING GENERAL, DIPLOMAT DIES AT 84

### 1st Black American in several key posts shaped US policy

By Eric Schmitt  
The New York Times

Colin Powell, who in four decades of public life served as the nation's top soldier, diplomat and national security adviser, and whose speech at the United Nations in 2003 helped pave the way for the United States to go to war in Iraq, died Monday. He was 84.

The cause was complications of COVID-19, his family said in a statement, adding that he had been vaccinated and was being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, when he died there.

A spokesperson said his immune system had been compromised by multiple

myeloma, for which he had been undergoing treatment. He had been due to receive a booster shot for his vaccine last week, she said, but had to postpone it when he fell ill. He had also been treated for early stages of Parkinson's disease, she said.

Powell was a trailblazer serving as the country's first Black national security adviser, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secretary of state. Beginning with his 35 years in the Army, Powell was emblematic of the ability of minorities to use the military as a ladder of opportunity.

His was a classic American success story. Born in Harlem of Jamaican parents, Powell grew up in the South Bronx and graduated from City College of New York, joining the Army through the ROTC. Start-

ing as a young second lieutenant commissioned in the dawn of a newly desegregated Army, Powell served two decorated combat tours in Vietnam. He was later national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan at the end of the Cold War, helping negotiate arms treaties and an era of cooperation with the Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev.

As chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Powell was the architect of the invasion of Panama in 1989 and of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, which ousted Saddam Hussein from Kuwait but left him in power in Iraq.

By the time he retired from the military in 1993, Powell was the most popular public

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# Online gambling expands

### Broadest growth in state since 1990s

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

Unrestricted online gambling in Connecticut begins Tuesday, inaugurating the broadest expansion of legalized wagering in the state since the two Native American casinos opened in the 1990s.

The state Department of Consumer Protection authorized a 6 a.m. launch of online sports wagering and iCasino on phone apps, laptops, tablets and other devices following a one-week limited trial, Gov. Ned Lamont announced Monday.

The Connecticut Lottery Corp., Mohegan Tribe and Mashantucket Pequot Tribe may begin offering online wagering to adults 21 and older through their online gambling operating partners. The Lottery has partnered with Rush Street Interactive, the Mohegan Sun is working with FanDuel and Foxwoods Resort Casino, which is owned and operated by the Mashantucket Pequots, has partnered with DraftKings.

The two tribes also may offer iCasino. More than 130 games have been approved by the Department of Consumer Protection for FanDuel and DraftKings apps.

Andrew Sneyd, senior vice president of brand marketing at FanDuel, the partner of Mohegan Sun, said the start of online sports wagering in Connecticut couldn't come at a better time.

"We're in that magical time of the sports calendar where all the sports are on," he said. "We like to call this the sports equinox."

He said a "ton of action" includes the NFL, the NBA, which begins Tuesday, NHL and Major League Baseball.

The start of sports gambling was greeted with a "tremendous amount of excitement," as FanDuel worked to keep up with demand at Mohegan Sun, Sneyd said. The burst of activity is expected to be even greater with the start of online gambling.

Legislation enacted this year by Lamont and the General Assembly authorized sports betting at the casinos, which began Sept. 30. The Connecticut

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## SHAWN LANG 1956-2021

# Activist for those with HIV/AIDS dies at 65; 'generations to come will benefit from her advocacy'

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut activism and LGBT communities are grieving the sudden death on Sunday of Shawn Lang, a longtime advocate for state residents living with HIV and AIDS, as well as those with opioid addictions, survivors of domestic violence and people experi-

encing housing insecurity. No cause of death has been determined. Memorial services have yet to be announced.

Lang was 65 years old and lived in Hartford. She leaves a son, Corbett, who is 24.

Until recently, Lang was deputy director of AIDS Connecticut, where she started working in 1991. In that capacity, she was the

organization's point person with Connecticut lawmakers on matters of public policy.

On Monday, many of them mourned her passing. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal called her a friend, saying "Shawn Lang's passion and courage were boundless, and her impact endless, as a leader and advocate for fundamental human rights.

She stood up and spoke out unstintingly and ceaselessly for so many who are demeaned or disregarded, inspiring others to do the same."

Gov. Ned Lamont said Lang "made a lasting impact on Connecticut" and that he was grateful that "generations to come will benefit

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Shawn Lang, a longtime advocate for state residents living with AIDS, as well as those with opioid addictions and the housing-insecure, died Sunday. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

## Bus routes to Hartford hit by pandemic remain suspended

Three express bus routes to Hartford that had sharp declines in ridership remain suspended; state was unable to reach an agreement with its service provider. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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cal examiner’s office to the state prisons with more than 5,000 employees. Some small agencies like the offices of the attorney general and the state treasurer have 100% compliance.

The 28 probationary employees who were fired were still in their first six months on the job. They have fewer labor protections than longer-term employees who are now on unpaid leave for 45 days.

Josh Geballe, the state’s chief operating officer, said that the numbers could potentially change.

“Someone could fall out of compliance. They could stop testing,” Geballe said of the weekly requirement. “There could be more that are added in the future, but we hope not.”

Initially, some workers had difficulty in submitting their information and were incorrectly listed as unvaccinated when, in fact, they were vaccinated.

While Lamont said some of the problems were due to “user error” by employees, he pledged that he would not place any employees on unpaid leave if they had made a sincere effort to comply and then ran into paperwork problems.

During negotiations with the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, the state agreed that state health insurance plans would fully pay for all COVID-19 tests as long as the emergency declaration is in effect — rather than just the first four tests. Other sites provide free testing for anyone seeking a test.

State employees can use sick time, personal leave and vacation in order to leave work to get tested.

Andrew Matthews, the executive director of the state troopers union, said it was an important move by Lamont and the unions to allow an “opt out” in which workers would not be forced to be vaccinated but instead could agree to weekly testing.

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Gov. Ned Lamont and Josh Geballe, left, the state’s chief operating officer, said Monday that 48 state employees have been disciplined for violating the governor’s vaccine-or-testing mandate. They are shown earlier this year in this photo. COURANT FILE PHOTO



Unrestricted online sports gambling begins Tuesday, including fantasy sports websites such as FanDuel and its rival DraftKings. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

Gambling

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Lottery Corp. also will operate 15 gambling sites in the state.

Three will open shortly at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, New Haven and Stamford and another seven will open in the following weeks. State officials have not said when the remaining five will open.

Lamont, who negotiated

the terms of the broadened gambling rules with the two Native American tribes, said it’s one of the “fastest state implementations of online gaming and sports wagering of any state in the nation.”

The challenge in bringing sports gambling and expanded digital wagering was to negotiate revised compacts between the state and Mohegans and Mashantucket Pequots. The tribes had been guaranteed exclusive gambling

rights in exchange for a 25% tax on slot machine revenue.

Connecticut launched a limited run for online gambling last week. The Lottery Corp. reported more than \$60,000 in bets were made in the first two days and the new system, including financial transactions, worked well, the agency said.

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Powell

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figure in America, owing to his straightforwardness, his leadership qualities and his ability to speak in blunt tones that Americans appreciated.

In an interview with The New York Times in 2007, he analyzed himself in the third person: “Powell is a problem-solver. He was taught as a soldier to solve problems. So he has views, but he’s not an ideologue. He has passion but he’s not a fanatic. He’s first and foremost a problem-solver.”

Once retired, Powell, a lifelong independent while in uniform, was courted as a presidential contender by Republicans and Democrats. He wrote a bestselling memoir, “My American Journey,” and flirted with a run for the presidency before deciding in 1995 that campaigning for office wasn’t for him.

He returned to public service in 2001 as secretary of state to President George W. Bush, whose father Powell had served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs a decade earlier. In taking the job, Powell followed the footsteps of one of his heroes, Gen. George Marshall, who served as secretary of state to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

But in the Bush administration, Powell was the odd man out, fighting internally with Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for the ear of Bush and for foreign policy dominance.

He left at the end of Bush’s first term under the cloud of the ever-worsening war in Iraq begun after Sept. 11, and growing ques-



Colin Powell served as Joint Chiefs of Staff chair, national security adviser and secretary of state. **CHUCK KENNEDY/TNS 2000**

tions about whether he could have and should have done more to object to it. Those questions swirled in part around his U.N. speech, which was based on false intelligence, and which became the source of lifelong regret.

He kept a low profile for the next few years, but with just over two weeks

left in the 2008 presidential campaign, Powell, a declared Republican, gave a forceful endorsement to Sen. Barack Obama, an Illinois Democrat, calling him a “transformational figure.” Powell’s backing was criticized by conservative Republicans. But it eased the doubts among some independents and

even some moderates in his own party, and largely neutralized concerns about Obama’s lack of experience to be commander in chief.

Colin Luther Powell was born April 5, 1937, and reared in the ethnically mixed Hunts Point section of the South Bronx. His parents, Luther Powell, a shipping-room foreman

in Manhattan’s garment district, and Maud Ariel McKoy, a seamstress, were immigrants from Jamaica.

While in the Army, Powell met Alma Johnson on a blind date, and they married in 1962. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Linda Powell and Anne Powell Lyons; a son, Michael, who served

as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; and four grandchildren.

Years later, the sting of the U.N. speech still pained him. Yet he sought to move on. “Let others judge me,” Powell said in the 2007 interview. “All I want to do is judge myself as a successful soldier who served his best.”

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from her advocacy.”

Jeff Currey, deputy majority leader of the Connecticut House of Representatives, worked with Lang since 2016 on issues affecting the LGBT community.

Currey said from the beginning of his tenure in the legislature, “it was very obvious that with regards to LGBTQ matters, especially in the health realm, that Shawn was someone to sit down with, get to know, to have by our side to move the needle forward as regards protections and rights.

“When she spoke, you heard the passion and the love and the grit and the determination. You could see everything she had ever gone through. It was behind her eyes,” Currey said.

Corbett Lang said his mother “would always stick up for the weakest person, no matter what the situation was.” He described one encounter when he was 7 or 8 years old.

“We were just walking to her office. Some grown man hit a girl in front of both of us, in front of her and in front of me. She completely

confronted him. She said she was going to call the police and told him, you better get out of here, and she comforted the woman,” Corbett Lang said. “She wouldn’t let anyone get abused in front of her.”

Lang was a native of Norfolk, Massachusetts, one of five children in an Irish-Italian family. Lang started her career in caring for others after high school. She worked as a nurse’s aide, preparing patients for surgery. In a 2016 interview with Hartford Magazine, she said she left that job “because I couldn’t stand the hierarchy.”

After that, she studied sociology and women’s studies at University of Lowell. She was attending college and active in the campus gay rights’ group just as AIDS was beginning to make its appearance. “I found my people,” she said in the Hartford Magazine interview. “I found a niche around organizing and agitating.”

William J. Mann, coordinator of the LGBT center at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, said Lang’s personal memories of the height of the AIDS epidemic were an invaluable

addition to his “History of AIDS” classes. He brought her in frequently to talk to students too young to remember the day-to-day terror of those days.

“Shawn told the story in a way students can relate to. She stood up there and said, ‘look, my friends were dying all around me and I knew I had to get out there and do something,’” Mann said.

“She will be remembered as one of the greats in Connecticut LGBTQ history.”

After moving to Connecticut after college, Lang worked at a Middletown shelter for domestic violence survivors. She later moved to AIDS Connecticut, focusing on health issues affecting the LGBT community. She became a giant in that community, later expanding her passionate advocacy to help those struggling with opioid addiction and homelessness.

Lang’s position, deputy director, was eliminated in summer 2021 in an organizational restructuring.

John Merz, who was Lang’s supervisor, is CEO of the organization now called Advancing CT Together. Merz said Lang, who was “5-foot-2 if even that,” was

“the biggest person in the room.

“She was forceful and opinionated. ... In many ways, she would call herself a warrior for what she called her brothers and sisters who had fallen from AIDS or who were battling the disease.”

That warrior spirit started early in her time in Connecticut, but her passion was mixed with humor. Steve Gavron served with Lang on the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights starting in the late ‘80s. They gathered with other activists for organizing meetings at the now-closed Reader’s Feast. Lang and Gavron also became comedy partners, doing standup together.

“She had a wicked sense of humor. She always liked the quote ‘If I can’t dance, I don’t want to be part of your revolution’ [by turn-of-the-century activist Emma Goldman]. We had to have sarcasm and fun in our protests. We thought we were funny and if other people did not, that was not our issue,” Gavron said.

Their goals were serious even though their approach was often light. “We would tell the public health department ‘we are going to protest you this afternoon,’ and then

we were very in-your-face,” Gavron said.

Their crowning achievements as activists were successfully pushing for the 1990 passage of a hate crimes bill that included mention of sexual orientation and a gay rights bill. The gay rights bill, which passed in 1991, added mention of sexual orientation in all Connecticut laws that banned discrimination.

That serious but caring approach carried over to her legislative work with AIDS Connecticut. Merz described Lang’s legislative work as that of a warm-hearted consensus seeker — “hugging legislators as if they were old chums” — but he recalls one time when Lang could not hold in her fury at a proposed policy.

“Very early on when she was here, there was a call for name reporting of people with HIV or AIDS. There was a big outcry against that, the sense that it was violating people’s confidentiality,” he said. “She really went to bat for that and expressed outrage. That was one of the few times I can remember her being antagonistic.”

In addition to working with AIDS Connecticut,

Lang was a board member of the National AIDS Housing Coalition and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University in New Haven. She sat on the CT Alcohol and Drug Policy Council and founded the Statewide Opiate Overdose Prevention Workgroup.

In 2017, Lang was named a Champion of Change for Advancing Prevention, Treatment and Recovery by the White House, nominated by then-Gov. Dannel Malloy.

State Attorney General William Tong honored Lang’s contribution to state policy in a statement issued on Monday. “Shawn was a fiercely devoted advocate for our state’s most vulnerable people. ... She was a force to be reckoned with and her tireless dedication to LGBTQ rights impacted and inspired many people in Connecticut. Today we grieve the loss of a champion and remember with profound gratitude Shawn’s many efforts to create a more just and equitable society,” the statement read.

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# Protesters decry violence in Haiti

FBI joins the effort to find missionaries kidnapped by gang

By Danica Coto and Evens Sanon  
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The usually chaotic streets of Haiti’s capital were quiet and largely empty Monday as thousands of workers angry about the nation’s lack of security went on strike in protest two days after 17 members of a U.S.-based missionary group were abducted by a violent gang.

American officials including the FBI were working with Haitian authorities to try to secure the release of the 12 adults and five children connected with the Ohio-based Christian Aid Ministries who disappeared Saturday while on a trip to visit an orphanage.

It was the largest reported kidnapping of its kind in recent years. Haitian gangs have grown more brazen amid ongoing political instability, a deepening economic crisis and a spike in violence that is driving more people to flee the country.

Haitian police said the abduction was carried out by the 400 Mawozo gang, a group with a long record of killings, kidnappings and extortion.

As authorities sought the release of the 16 Americans and one Canadian, the strike led by local unions and other organizations disrupted much of daily life. Public transportation drivers stayed home, and businesses and schools were closed.

“The population cannot take it any more,” said Holin Alexis, a moto taxi driver



Police remove a roadblock of rocks and debris set up by protesters Monday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. JOSEPH ODELYN/AP

who joined the strike.

Barricades of burning tires closed off some streets in the capital and in other cities, including Les Cayes in southern Haiti, with some people throwing rocks at the occasional car driving past.

Only a handful of moto taxi drivers like Marc Saint-Pierre zoomed through Port-au-Prince looking for customers. He said he was attacked for working on Monday but had no choice.

“I have children, and I have to bring food to my house today,” he said.

The Western Hemisphere’s poorest nation is again struggling with a spike in gang-related kidnappings that has diminished in

recent months, after President Jovenel Moise was fatally shot at his private residence July 7 and a magnitude 7.2 earthquake killed more than 2,200 people in August.

“Everyone is concerned. They’re kidnapping from all social classes,” Mehu Changeux, president of Haiti’s Association of Owners and Drivers, told Magik9 radio station.

He said the work stoppage would continue until the government could guarantee people’s safety.

The U.S. State Department said Sunday that it was in regular contact with senior Haitian authorities and would continue to

work with them and other partners.

“The welfare and safety of U.S. citizens abroad is one of the highest priorities of the Department of State,” the agency said in a statement.

The 400 Mawozo gang, which Haitian authorities believe is behind the attack against the missionaries, introduced a new type of kidnapping to Haiti this year: abducting en masse, where entire buses are taken hostage until the families of passengers can pay off the ransoms requested.

In the capital’s suburb of Croix-des-Bouquet, the gang’s growing control has left the neighborhood a near ghost town. Many families

gave up their homes to seek more stable lives, hoping to once again be able to do basic things like walk down the street or send children to school without fear.

Highlighting how much the government has lost control of security, Prime Minister Ariel Henry’s convoy was shot at Sunday as it tried to lay a wreath at the statue of one of Haiti’s founding fathers in downtown Port-au-Prince, to commemorate his assassination.

Hours later, Jimmy Cherizier, an infamous gang leader known as Barbecue, led a large procession through the capital to place flowers at the same statue.

Christian Aid Ministries said the kidnapped group included six women, six men and five children, including a 2-year-old. A sign on the door at the organization’s headquarters in Berlin, Ohio, said it was closed due to the kidnapping situation.

News of the kidnappings spread swiftly in and around Holmes County, Ohio, hub of one of the nation’s largest populations of Amish and conservative Mennonites, said Marcus Yoder, executive director of the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center in nearby Millersburg.

Christian Aid Ministries is supported by conservative Mennonite, Amish and related groups in the Anabaptist tradition.

The organization was founded in the early 1980s and began working in Haiti later that decade, according to Steven Nolt, professor of history and Anabaptist studies at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

A pair of traveling Christians stopped by the headquarters Monday with two young children to drop off packages for impoverished nations. Tirtzah Rarick, originally of California, said she and a friend prayed on Sunday with those who had relatives among the hostages.

“Even though it’s painful and it provokes us to tears that our friends and relatives, our dear brothers and sisters, are suffering right now in a very real physical, mental and emotional way, it is comforting to us that we can bring these heavy burdens to the God that we worship,” she said.

The New York Times contributed.

## DOJ calls on justices to block Texas abortion law

Supreme Court hints a decision on brief could happen soon

By Adam Liptak  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — In a forceful brief filed Monday, the Biden administration urged the Supreme Court to temporarily block a Texas law that bans most abortions in the state while a legal challenge moves forward, calling the law “plainly unconstitutional.”

Leaving the law in effect, the brief said, would allow Texas to flout a half-century of Supreme Court precedents that forbid states from banning abortions before fetal viability, or about 22-24 weeks into a pregnancy. The challenged law, called Senate Bill 8, has been in force since the beginning of September and effectively bars abortions after around six weeks of pregnancy.

“It virtually eliminated access to abortion in Texas after six weeks of pregnancy,” the brief said. “Texas has, in short, successfully nullified this court’s decisions within its borders.”

The court signaled that it may act quickly.

Justice Samuel Alito, who oversees the federal appeals

court responsible for Texas, asked officials there to file their response to the Justice Department’s application by noon Thursday. The court could rule in the following days.

Saying the matter was urgent and important, the brief also asked the court to consider adding the question of the law’s constitutionality to the docket of cases it plans to hear this year, bypassing the appeals court, which is scheduled to hear arguments on it in December. The Supreme Court is already scheduled to hear another major abortion case, involving a Mississippi law, in December.

“SB 8 is an affront to the United States’ sovereign interests in maintaining the supremacy of federal law and ensuring that the traditional mechanisms of judicial review endorsed by Congress and this court remain available to challenge unconstitutional state laws,” the Justice Department brief said.

In a bitterly divided decision last month in a different case, one brought by abortion providers regarding the same law, the Supreme Court let the law go into effect, effectively ending access to abortion for most Texas women. The majority

said there were procedural obstacles that counseled against granting the providers’ request to block the law.

The DOJ, in a brief filed by Brian Fletcher, the acting solicitor general, said the new challenge was different. The federal government has interests and powers different from those of private litigants, he wrote, adding that it is not required to overcome the procedural hurdles at issue in the earlier ruling.

The Texas law, which has no exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, has an unusual feature that has complicated efforts to challenge it in court. Instead of making state officials responsible for enforcing the law, the law allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and others who help women obtain the procedure. That help can include financial assistance or giving a woman a ride to a clinic.

The plaintiffs need not claim any connection to those they sue. If they prevail, the law entitles them to damages of at least \$10,000, along with legal expenses. Abortion providers sued under the law must pay their own legal fees whether they win or lose.

The law’s drafters,



Pro-abortion rights activists rally Oct. 4 outside the Supreme Court in Washington. The Texas law has no exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest. KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY

Fletcher told the justices, “have candidly acknowledged that the law was designed to deter constitutionally protected abortions while evading judicial review.”

The law’s defenders say that providers can challenge the law by violating it, getting sued and asserting the law’s unconstitutionality as part of their defense.

Last week, a divided three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, in New Orleans, stayed Pitman’s ruling, rein-

stating the law. The application filed Monday asked the Supreme Court to lift the stay.

The majority opinion in last month’s 5-4 Supreme Court decision refusing to block the law was unsigned and consisted of a paragraph. It said the abortion providers who had challenged the law in an emergency application to the court had not made their case in the face of “complex and novel” procedural questions.

The majority stressed

that it was not ruling on the constitutionality of the Texas law and did not mean to limit “procedurally proper challenges” to it.

“The court’s order is stunning,” Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in dissent. “Presented with an application to enjoin a flagrantly unconstitutional law engineered to prohibit women from exercising their constitutional rights and evade judicial scrutiny, a majority of justices have opted to bury their heads in the sand.”



“Jerry Maguire” star Cuba Gooding Jr. arrives Monday at court for his groping case in New York City. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

## Actor’s groping trial to start Feb. 1, judge says

By Michael R. Sisak  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cuba Gooding Jr. will go on trial in February in his New York City groping case, a judge said Monday, with prosecutors planning to portray the actor as a serial offender and the defense contending the case is an example of #MeToo run amok.

Judge Curtis Farber set a Feb. 1 trial date in the case, which involves allegations the Oscar-winning “Jerry

Maguire” star violated three different women at three different Manhattan night spots in 2018 and 2019.

One of the women alleged Gooding pinched her buttocks. Another said he squeezed her breast.

Farber had expressed a desire to start the trial sooner, but Gooding lawyer Peter Toumbekis said he’ll be tied up with trials in the Bronx then.

Gooding had been scheduled to go on trial in April 2020, but that was scut-

tled as coronavirus cases surged in New York and the state shut down most court matters.

Gooding was arrested in June 2019 after a woman told police he squeezed her breast without her consent at Magic Hour Rooftop Bar & Lounge near Times Square. A few months later, Gooding was charged in two additional incidents as more women came forward to accuse him of abuse.

He was accused of pinching a server’s buttocks after

making a sexually suggestive remark to her at TAO Downtown and forcibly touching a woman inappropriately at the LAVO New York nightclub, both in 2018.

In all, Gooding, 53, is charged with six misdemeanor counts that could land him in jail if he is convicted. He has pleaded not guilty and denies all allegations of wrongdoing.

In addition to the criminal case, Gooding is accused in a lawsuit of raping a woman in New York City in 2013.



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NEWS BRIEFING

Trump files lawsuit to block the release of Jan. 6 documents

From news services

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump on Monday sought to block the release of documents related to the Jan. 6 insurrection to the congressional committee investigating the attack, challenging the decision of President Joe Biden.

In a federal lawsuit, Trump said the committee request was “almost limitless in scope,” and sought records with no reasonable connection to that day. He alleged the committee is seeking potentially millions of presidential records that he asserts are covered by a broad range of privileges, including those that cover presidential communications and conversations between lawyers and a client.

The committee’s request was a “vexatious, illegal fishing expedition,” unprecedented in scope and “untethered from any legitimate legislative purpose,” the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit takes aim at the core oversight functions of Congress, saying the records being sought by lawmakers are not for “legitimate legislative purposes” and the committee does not have the powers of a law enforcement agency. It seeks an injunction to bar the archivist from producing them. Biden has said he would not block the release to the committee, because the Jan. 6 attack was such an unprecedented event that executive privilege should not factor in.

Lawmakers are seeking the documents as part of its investigation into how a mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol building Jan. 6 in an effort to halt the certification of Biden’s win.

The committee demanded a broad range of executive branch papers related to intelligence gathered before the attack, security preparations during and before the siege, the pro-Trump rallies held that day and Trump’s false claims that he won the election, among other matters.

The lawsuit was filed by Jesse Binnall, an attorney based in Alexandria, Virginia, who represented Trump in an unsuccessful lawsuit late last year seeking to overturn Biden’s victory in Nevada. Trump and his allies have continued to make baseless claims about voter fraud in the 2020 election.

**Trump deposition:** Former President Donald Trump was questioned Monday in a deposition for a lawsuit brought by protesters who say his security team roughed them up in the early days of his presidential campaign in 2015.

Trump testified under oath behind closed doors at Trump Tower in New York City for several hours, a lawyer for the plaintiffs said. Video of the deposition will be played for a jury if the case goes to trial.

The plaintiffs’ lawyer, Benjamin Dictor, said Trump was questioned on a variety of topics, including comments he’s made at campaign rallies in which he appeared to encourage security personnel to treat protesters harshly.

The lawsuit, brought by five New Yorkers of Mexican origin, alleges that Trump’s bodyguards violently attacked them outside his Manhattan skyscraper Sept. 3, 2015 as they protested negative comments Trump made about Mexico and Mexican immigrants.

Trump, in a statement



**Welcome to college:** First-year students participate in the annual Raisin Monday shaving foam fight at the University of St. Andrews in eastern Scotland. The costumed Raisin Monday event is the culmination of a week of mentoring to welcome first-year students into the “academic families” as they start their studies at the university. **ANDY BUCHANAN/GETTY-AFP**

following the deposition, said the protesters were to blame for the scuffle and called their claim baseless, involving “injuries they never suffered, and the temporary loss of a worthless cardboard sign, which was soon thereafter returned to them.”

**Arbery case in Georgia:** Jury selection got underway Monday for what could be a lengthy effort to find jurors in the trial of three white men charged with fatally shooting Ahmaud Arbery as he was running in their Georgia neighborhood.

The slaying of the 25-year-old Black man sparked a national outcry fueled by graphic video of the shooting leaked online more than two months after Arbery was killed. Father and son Greg and Travis McMichael and their neighbor William “Roddie” Bryan are charged with murder and other crimes in Arbery’s death on Feb. 23, 2020, just outside the port city of Brunswick.

With hundreds called, jury selection could last two

weeks or more.

**Taiwan fire:** Taiwanese prosecutors said that a couple were suspected of setting a fire and negligent homicide after 46 people were killed and dozens of others injured last week in the island’s deadliest building blaze in more than two decades.

The prosecutors accused the 51-year-old woman, who was identified only by her surname, Huang, of failing to extinguish an incense coil when she left the 13-story mixed-use building in the southern port city of Kaohsiung early Thursday. The 52-year-old man, surnamed Kuo, was accused of failing to remind Huang to put out the incense.

The unattended coil, which was in her room on the building’s first floor, sparked a blaze that quickly engulfed the higher floors, making it difficult for the residents to escape.

**Norway killings:** Norwegian police say the Danish man suspected of killing five people and injuring three

others in an attack last week also used “stabbing weapons” along with a bow and arrow to kill his victims.

Police inspector Per Thomas Omholt said it was likely the 37-year-old suspect, identified as Espen Andersen Braathen, first used arrows to wound his victims and then killed them by stabbing them with an unspecified weapon or weapons in Wednesday’s attack in Kongsberg, a town of 26,000 southwest of the capital, Oslo.

“When it comes to weapons, we have previously stated that a bow and arrow has been used,” Omholt told a news conference Monday. “Other weapons that have been used are stabbing weapons. We don’t want to go out with what kind of stabbing weapons were used as all witnesses at the scene haven’t been questioned yet.”

Andersen Braathen has confessed to the killings and has initially been charged with five murders. Omholt said, however, the list of charges would be

extended as the investigation proceeds.

**In Myanmar:** Myanmar’s ruling junta announced Monday that it would free more than 5,600 anti-regime protesters this week in its first significant release of political prisoners since seizing power in a Feb. 1 coup.

The junta said it was granting the prisoners amnesty to mark the Lighting Festival, a three-day holiday that begins Tuesday. But it gave no indication of whether top officials of the ousted civilian government, including its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, would be among those released.

Most of the protesters were arrested during a brutal crackdown this year as millions of people took to the streets and staged a national strike. Soldiers and the police killed more than 1,170 protesters and have detained more than 7,300 others, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, an advocacy group.

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A path from gangsters to distillers

Rum producer offers Venezuelans a life out of violent crime

By Isayen Herrera and Anatoly Kurmanaev  
The New York Times

SABANETA, Venezuela — They once used the house to hide their kidnapping victims as they awaited ransom. Now they are converting it into an office for a rum distribution business.

The drastic shift by crime boss Luis Oropeza and his gang is part of an unusual social reintegration project that has brought relative calm to the town of Sabaneta as lawlessness engulfs much of Venezuela.

What is even more surprising is that the program has also helped its founder, rum maker Ron Santa Teresa, to survive — and even thrive — in a country where the economy has been caught in a downward spiral for years and the authoritarian government has systematically quashed dissent.

Instead of joining the scores of businessmen fleeing the country to escape kidnappings, arrest or financial ruin, the aristocratic Vollmer family that runs Santa Teresa chose to stay and engage with Sabaneta's criminal gangs and with the socialist government that had once promised to destroy the country's elite.

In the process, the Vollmers have gone from declaring bankruptcy to becoming exporters of an award-winning vintage rum.

"If you become an absentee owner, you don't have the relevance and the authority to sit down with whoever you need to sit down," said Alberto Vollmer, 53, the family scion who led the company's restructuring.

"You have to walk the talk."

Vollmer's leadership has also helped break the vicious cycle of murder and revenge that had made Sabaneta one



Jose Colbi, a rehabilitated gang member, seals bottles at the Santa Teresa rum factory in Sabaneta, Venezuela, in August. The family that owns the company is giving gangsters a life outside of crime. ADRIANA LOUREIRO FERNANDEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES

of the most violent towns in the country.

"We want to use this business opportunity to show that another way is possible," said Oropeza, 32, who said he killed his first victim at 16.

When the project, known as Alcatraz, began in 2003, the county surrounding Sabaneta recorded 174 homicides per 100,000 residents.

Although the Venezuelan government long stopped publishing statistics, Santa Teresa estimates the rate has dropped to a quarter of that figure. Anecdotal evidence appears to support the claim.

"I used to get panic attacks as soon as the night came," said Kerling Coronado, who is married to one of the reintegrated former gang members. "I couldn't sleep. I felt as if someone was smashing my door, because they used to burst

into people's houses to kill them."

Santa Teresa contends that 70% of 216 gang members that went through Alcatraz — a two-year reeducation program that includes rugby games, psychology sessions and vocational training — no longer pursue a life of crime. More than 100 of them have been employed by the company.

Oropeza, the latest crime boss to pass through Alcatraz, lost three brothers and two cousins to gang violence.

"It was either them or it was you," said Gregorio Oropeza, Oropeza's surviving brother and fellow former gang member, referring to the incessant violence.

Most of the 14 men who enrolled in the program with Luis Oropeza had spent time in jail, had killed or had relatives killed.

Accepting Oropeza into the program presented a challenge for the company as well. In 2018, his gang killed a bodyguard and friend of Vollmer's.

"We ask so many people to forgive," said Gabriel Alvarez, general manager of the Alcatraz project. "When it was our turn, we could not say no."

To try to make amends to the town they once terrorized, Oropeza's gang members are now creating a company that will distribute Santa Teresa's products as well as renovating a school and church.

"I wished this project would have arrived earlier," said one resident, Cristina Ladaez, 40.

In a country where 3 out of 4 people are estimated to live in extreme poverty, crime can be one of the few options available to young men in destitute neighborhoods, she said.

The economic collapse also gutted the government's law enforcement capacity, forcing companies to seek their own solutions to address rampant crime, said Ricardo Cusanno, a former head of Venezuela's business chamber.

Alcatraz proved to be a good business strategy for Santa Teresa, underscoring the company's ability to combine social consciousness with commercial gain.

Dismantling local gangs significantly reduced theft and kidnapping threats against the company's property and employees, Vollmer said. Rugby matches organized by Santa Teresa among the former gang members have been a powerful marketing tool.

And after Alcatraz expanded to Venezuela's jails in 2007, Santa Teresa's executives were able to foster relationships with underworld bosses, shield-

ing the company from the extortion fees that plague most other businesses in the country.

"Organized crime pulls on invisible nylon strings," Vollmer said. "They are clearly a very important stakeholder in the country."

Santa Teresa is now Venezuela's largest rum maker, surpassing its pre-pandemic sales this year. Its flagship product, a vintage blended rum called 1796, has won multiple awards and is now available in high-end bars around the world, thanks to a distribution deal with alcohol giant Bacardi.

Alcatraz is only one example of the company's novel approach to managing Venezuela's turmoil.

In 2000, when hundreds of poor families invaded the company estate with the government's support, Vollmer voluntarily provided part of his land for a social housing initiative.

The offer helped the company escape expropriation and allowed Vollmer to build important relationships with the government of Hugo Chavez, who was then president.

"We converted this crisis into a great opportunity," Alvarez said.

It was an unlikely partnership. The Vollmers, who trace their lineage to the independence hero Simon Bolivar, epitomize the hereditary elites whose wealth Chavez said belonged to ordinary people.

In fact, Vollmer's collaboration with Chavez, and his successor, Nicolas Maduro, has angered many of his peers, who accused him of aiding a government they say has destroyed democracy and committed grave human rights abuses.

Vollmer shrugs off the attacks, pointing out that it is easier to criticize from exile than to try creating positive change from within Venezuela.

"Starting in our country, we want to build a society that is better," he said.



President Joe Biden promotes his agenda last week in Hartford. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Urgency grips White House for a deal on Biden's agenda

By Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is entering a crucial two weeks for his ambitious agenda, racing to conclude contentious congressional negotiations ahead of both domestic deadlines and a chance to showcase his administration's accomplishments on a global stage.

Biden and his fellow Democrats are struggling to bridge intraparty divides by month's end to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill and a larger social services package. The president hopes to nail down both before Air Force One lifts off for Europe on Oct. 28 for a pair of world leader summits, including the most ambitious climate change meeting in years.

But that goal has been jeopardized by fractures among Democrats, imperiling the fate of promised sweeping new efforts to grapple with climate change. There's also rising anxiety within the party about a bellwether gubernatorial contest in Virginia and looming Senate fights over the federal debt limit

and government funding that could distract from getting the president's agenda across the finish line.

Biden is trying to stabilize his presidency after a difficult stretch marked by the tumultuous end of the Afghanistan War, a diplomatic spat with longtime ally France and a surge in COVID-19 cases that rattled the nation's economic recovery and sent his poll numbers tumbling.

His team has continued its strategy — one that served it well during the campaign and earlier this year — of blocking out the outside noise to stay focused on a singular mission, this time to pass the two-part package that will give Democrats a platform on which to run in next year's midterm elections.

Yet beneath the White House's pleas for patience — reminding people that hard things take time — is a bubbling sense of urgency that a deal needs to be struck rapidly.

Press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday that Biden spent the weekend engaging with lawmakers and planned to host both moderate and progres-

sive Democratic lawmakers at the White House on Tuesday, saying Biden was "encouraged by accelerated pace of talks."

"We are at a point where we feel an urgency to move things forward and the pickup of meetings is a reflection of that," she said.

For the White House, there are the explicit target dates, including an end-of-month deadline on transportation funding and Biden's upcoming foreign trip.

But there are also more abstract imperatives: proving Democrats can deliver on their promises to voters and protecting Biden's waning political capital.

West Wing officials are still optimistic that an agreement will ultimately be struck, but there are also fears that the messy, drawn-out negotiation has clouded the tangible benefits of what Biden aims to deliver to voters.

Some Democrats have pushed for passing the bipartisan infrastructure deal by Oct. 31 even if the larger social services package is not settled, a move many progressives dislike because they could lose leverage for the latter bill.

Russia breaks diplomatic ties with NATO as tensions swell

By Andrew E. Kramer  
The New York Times

MOSCOW — Russia plans to cease its diplomatic engagement with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Russian foreign minister said Monday, in the latest sign of unraveling relations between Moscow and the West.

Although significant on a diplomatic level, the announcement was not apparently accompanied by any military moves by Russia threatening European security. And Moscow still maintains diplomatic relations with the individual governments in the alliance.

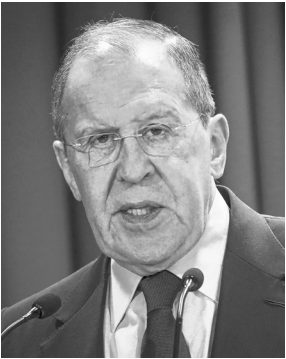
The decision will end a post-Cold War experiment, never very successful, in building trust between Russia and the Western alliance, established decades ago to contain the Soviet Union, which officials in Moscow accused of later encroaching on former Soviet territory.

By early next month, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, Russia will halt the activities of its representative office at NATO headquarters in Brussels and withdraw diplomatic credentials from emissaries of the alliance working in Moscow.

NATO's response was muted.

"We have taken note of Minister Lavrov's comments to the media, however we have not received any official communication on the issues he raised," a spokesperson, Oana Lungescu, said. Lavrov had said the alliance was informed before his announcement.

The break-off of diplomatic ties also comes as President Joe Biden is seeking to strengthen the European alliance after former President Donald Trump denigrated members as freeloaders on U.S. military spending and threatened to



Sergey Lavrov made the announcement Monday. RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE

withdraw.

Relations between Moscow and the West have been strained for years, but the immediate impetus for the Russian move was a spy scandal.

Earlier this month, NATO ordered eight Russian diplomats to leave Belgium by Nov. 1, saying they were undeclared intelligence officers. The alliance also reduced the size of the Russian representative office. In response, Lavrov said Russia's entire diplomatic mission would leave by Nov. 1 or a few days after that date.

"Because of NATO's targeted steps, proper conditions for elemental diplomatic activity don't exist," he said. "In response to NATO's actions, we are halting the work of our permanent representation to NATO, including the work of the main military envoy."

Relations with the alliance had in any case long ago gone off the rails, he said. NATO had already twice reduced the size of the Russian delegation, in 2015 and 2018, he said. "On the military level there are absolutely no contacts taking place," he said.

He said NATO had set up a "prohibitive regime" for Russian diplomats in Brussels by banning them from its headquarters building. Without visiting the build-

ing, he said, they could not maintain ties with alliance officials.

Lavrov suggested the expulsions of Russian diplomats had come as an unwelcome surprise, as he had met in New York just days earlier with the alliance's secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg, and discussed de-escalating tensions.

"He in every way underscored the honest, as he said, interest in the North Atlantic alliance in normalizing relations with the Russian Federation," Lavrov said.

NATO could still convey diplomatic messages to Russia's embassy in Brussels, if necessary, Lavrov said.

In addition to diplomatic frictions, military tensions have also escalated in recent years, including last spring when Russian troops massed along Ukraine's border, ostensibly for a military exercise.

In the immediate post-Cold War era, Russia had claimed a moral high ground in relations with NATO.

Moscow, Russians noted, had dismantled its alliance of that era, the Warsaw Pact, while NATO in contrast expanded into former Soviet and East Bloc nations. Russia has since initiated new military alliances of its own, with former Soviet states and with China.

Relations were also strained by NATO's intervention in the Balkan Wars in the 1990s against Serbia, a Russian ally.

Russia responded, for a time, by dispatching an outspoken nationalist, Dmitry Rogozin, now the director of Russia's space program, as its emissary to the alliance in Brussels, where he became a thorn in the side of NATO officials.

Lavrov said Monday that the alliance did not show any interest in "equal dialogue or joint work."



WORLD & NATION

# A call to loosen the purse strings

Spending rules for federal pandemic aid hinder some cities

By David A. Lieb  
Associated Press

At the Loma Verde Recreation Center south of San Diego, demolition work is underway on a \$24 million project that will rebuild the facility from the ground up, complete with a new pool. An hour's drive north, the iconic bridge to the Oceanside pier is deteriorating because the city lacks the money for a roughly \$25 million rehabilitation.

A reason only one of those projects is moving ahead revolves around the American Rescue Plan — the COVID-19 relief law championed by President Joe Biden and congressional Democrats that is pumping billions of dollars to states and local governments.

Under rules developed by the Department of the Treasury, some governments have more flexibility than others to spend their share of the money as they want.

But similar disparities among U.S. cities have prompted pushback from local officials, who want the agency to loosen its rules before the program progresses much further.

“Otherwise, they are penalizing cities for the pandemic, not providing them relief,” said Wade Kapszukiewicz, the mayor of Toledo, Ohio.

At issue is \$350 billion for states, counties and cities that was part of the massive bill Biden signed in March. The money is intended to help shore up their finances, pay the ongoing costs of fighting the virus and invest in longer-term projects that could strengthen communities. The funding was made available beginning in May — though states and cities have been slow to spend it.

The Treasury's guidelines give governments leeway to



Birds fly by a bridge connecting the Oceanside pier to Pacific Street on Friday in Oceanside, Calif. The city lacks money to rehabilitate the pier. GREGORY BULL/AP

choose from more than 60 subcategories for spending the money, including COVID-19 vaccinations, premium pay for certain workers and housing aid.

One category stands out for its flexibility. Governments that lost revenue can use their federal aid for almost any services, up to the amount of their losses, meaning they can spend the money on roads, a recreation center or a pier, which might not otherwise be eligible.

But some local officials think the Treasury's formula for calculating lost revenue is too restrictive. It rolls most revenue sources together instead of calculating losses on a fund-by-fund basis, which would let governments claim losses in dedicated funds such as gas taxes for roads even if other revenue grew. Local govern-

ments also want to exclude recently enacted tax hikes from the calculation, which they contend masks the depth of their losses during the pandemic.

In Toledo, voters last November approved a temporary one-quarter percent income tax increase that is projected to raise \$19 million annually for roads. As a result, that revenue will offset other losses under the Treasury's calculation, meaning the city won't have the flexibility to use relief money to replace old police vehicles, Kapszukiewicz said.

“It now falsely looks like our economy has recovered more than it has, when in reality, it merely reflects the revenue produced by putting an extra burden on ourselves,” the mayor said.

In California, over

250 cities and counties enacted voter-approved tax increases since 2018 — most coming during or after the 2018-19 fiscal year that forms the basis for calculating revenue loss, according to an analysis conducted for The Associated Press by government finance consultant Michael Coleman.

Chula Vista, which did not enact new taxes, calculated revenue losses of more than \$32 million under the Treasury's guidelines — covering over half its \$57.5 million allotment under the American Rescue Plan. Among other things, the city is directing \$12.2 million for culvert repairs at two inter-sections and \$8 million to add new aquatic facilities to a planned renovation of the Loma Verde Recreation Center. Had the city not been able to tap the reve-

nue-loss category for federal funding, those projects could have been pushed off indefinitely, said Chula Vista city engineer William Valle.

By doing it all at once “it's open to the community — boom, everybody's happy,” Valle said.

In Oceanside, however, officials have less latitude over their federal aid. Voters there approved a one-half cent sales tax that took effect in April 2019, reducing its revenue loss under the Treasury formula from \$22 million to \$12 million and limiting its spending flexibility. Further complicating matters, the city spent nearly \$2.6 million from its reserves — which otherwise could have gone toward infrastructure — to provide meals, homeless services and business grants during the pandemic. But the Trea-

sury's rules prohibit the federal aid from being used to replenish reserves.

Oceanside officials would like to be able to direct more of their federal money toward fixing the seismically unsafe 1920s-era bridge that leads to its pier.

“It's imperative that the pier be maintained and restored so that it continues to attract visitors,” said Rick Wright, CEO of MainStreet Oceanside, the downtown business association.

Other cities also have written to the Treasury asking it to loosen its revenue-loss rule and give them greater say over the money.

Treasury officials said they are considering the comments but have given no indication of whether they will change the rule, nor when the final version will be released.

# In NH, vaccine ‘craziness,’ fights divide GOP

By Michael Casey  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Republican Rep. Ken Weyler was known around the New Hampshire Statehouse for dismissing the benefits of COVID-19 vaccines and opposing tens of millions of dollars in federal funds to promote vaccinations.

But when the 79-year-old Weyler, a retired commercial pilot and Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate who chaired the legislature's powerful fiscal committee, sent a 52-page report likening vaccines to “organized mass murder,” Republican leaders were compelled to act.

“I don't know of anyone who agrees with it. It's absolute craziness,” said Republican House Speaker Sherman Packard, who accepted Weyler's resignation from his committee post.

The episode was especially piercing in New Hampshire, where the previous House speaker died of COVID-19 last year. It has also exposed Republicans' struggle to root out misinformation that has taken hold in its ranks across the country.

A year and a half into the pandemic, surveys show Republicans are less worried about the threat from COVID-19 or its variants, less confident in science, less likely to be vaccinated than Democrats and independents and more opposed to vaccine mandates.

It's a combination of views that comes with clear health risks — and potential political consequences.

In a place like New Hampshire, where Republicans are hoping to win back congressional seats next year, politicians with fringe views stand to distract voters from the party's agenda, driving away independents and moderates.

The risk is particularly clear in “Live Free or Die” New Hampshire, where the fight over vaccines has acti-



State police remove a person from an Executive Council meeting last week in Concord, New Hampshire. HOLLY RAMER/AP

vated the libertarian wing of the GOP. The divisions have the potential to dominate Republican primaries next year.

“What I wonder over the next year is whether all of this is the tip of the iceberg or the whole iceberg,” Dante Scala, a political science professor at the University of New Hampshire, said.

Republicans in New Hampshire have struggled to unify around a common position since the pandemic first emerged.

GOP Gov. Chris Sununu has been widely praised for his handling of the pandemic, but has also come under fire from conservative critics. They have pushed back on his state of emergency, which put limits on business operations and public gatherings, often holding rowdy protests, including some at his house.

Sununu, who is eyeing a run for Senate next year against Democratic U.S.

Sen. Maggie Hassan, joined other Republican leaders in opposing a federal vaccine mandate. But that did little to placate his critics, who repeatedly shouted down fellow Republicans during a news conference last month to protest the federal mandate.

Holding signs saying “I will die before I comply” and including one protester with an automatic weapon strapped to his back, the crowd took over the podium and put up their own speakers who predicted, without evidence, that the mandate would force the state's hospitals to close.

The opposition from GOP leaders to federal vaccine mandates prompted one Republican lawmaker, Rep. William Marsh, to switch parties.

“The belief that is being put forward is that their individual rights trump everything, that no one has the right to impose, in this

particular case, a vaccine mandate on a person ever,” said Marsh, a retired ophthalmologist, who was the vice chair on the House Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. “I am of the belief that, for people in a civilized society, individual rights are limited once they start to impinge on the rights of others.”

The Weyler controversy started last month when he first questioned Health and Human Services data about hospitalizations in the state. He suggested most of those hospitalized had been vaccinated, which prompted the state's health commissioner to accuse him of spreading misinformation. Ninety percent of those hospitalized had not been vaccinated, she said.

Gallup polling from September found 57% of Democrats are very or somewhat worried about getting the coronavirus

compared with 18% of Republicans. The Democrats are also more confident that vaccines will protect against new variants and more confidence in science — 79% compared to 45% of Republicans.

Weyler was among a group of GOP lawmakers who are so opposed to the Biden administration's vaccine mandates that they pushed to reject millions in federal funding meant to assist with vaccination efforts.

Recently, \$27 million was rejected by a Republican-controlled Executive Council, a five-member panel that approves state contracts, despite calls from Sununu to accept the funding.

The money would have allowed the state to hire a public health manager and a dozen workers to address public vaccine concerns. But opponents feared it would have required the

state to comply with any “future directives” issued by the Biden administration regarding COVID-19, such as vaccine mandates.

After the vote, Sununu was forced to push back against a suggestion that this is the new Republican Party stance.

“I don't believe most of the people protesting were part of the Republican Party. These are anti-government, shut-it-down, no-government-at-all-costs type individuals,” he told reporters.

One of the groups opposing the mandates, Rebuild NH, responded Friday to arrests of protesters at the Executive Council meeting by calling Sununu a despot and demanding he be censured for his role in “this crime against the people of New Hampshire.”

Democrats have seized on the GOP divisions, saying Republicans were too slow to seek Weyler's resignation and accusing Weyler and his colleagues of hurting the state's reputation, slowing vaccination efforts and enabling anti-vaccine extremists.

The report Weyler sent alleged that the shots were perpetuating the “greatest organized mass murder in the history of our world.”

It included claims about vaccines containing living organisms with tentacles and unsubstantiated reports about babies from vaccinated parents in South America born with signs of premature aging.

“It was pretty much astonishing that someone would be sending this to us,” said Democratic Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, who received the report by email.

In his resignation letter, Weyler said he was stepping down so he wouldn't be a distraction and apologized for not vetting the material that contained “conspiracy theories and sections that are offensive to groups of people.”

He remains in the 400-member House.



# BUSINESS

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## EPA moving to restrict toxic ‘forever chemicals’

Agency to designate PFAS as hazardous substances under Superfund law

By **Matthew Daly**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is launching a broad strategy to regulate toxic industrial compounds associated with serious health conditions that are used in products ranging from cookware to carpets and firefighting foams.

Michael Regan, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said it is taking a series of actions to limit pollution from a cluster of long-lasting chemicals known as PFAS that are increasingly turning up in public drinking water systems, private wells and even food.

The plan is intended to restrict PFAS from being released into the environment, accelerate cleanup of PFAS-contaminated sites such as military bases and increase investments in research to learn more about where PFAS are found and how their spread can be prevented.

“This is a bold strategy that starts with immediate action” and includes additional steps “that will carry through this

first term” of President Joe Biden, Regan said. “We’re going to use every tool in our toolbox to restrict human exposure to these toxic chemicals.”

PFAS, called “forever chemicals” because they last so long in the environment, have been associated with serious health conditions, including cancer and reduced birth weight.

PFAS is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are used in nonstick frying pans, water-repellent sports gear, stain-resistant rugs and countless other consumer products. The chemical bonds are so strong that they don’t degrade or do so only slowly in the environment and remain in a person’s bloodstream indefinitely.

Under the strategy announced Monday, the EPA will move to set aggressive drinking water limits for PFAS under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will require PFAS manufacturers to report on how toxic their products are. The agency also is moving to designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the so-called Superfund law that allows the EPA to force companies respon-

sible for the contamination to pay for the cleanup work or do it themselves.

The actions will make it easier for the EPA to ensure that cleanups are conducted safely and that “the polluter pays for that,” Regan said.

Advocates have long urged action on PFAS by the EPA, the Food and Drug Administration, the Defense Department and other agencies.

Thousands of communities have detected PFAS chemicals in their water, and PFAS have been confirmed at nearly 400 military installations, according to the Environmental Working Group, a research and advocacy organization.

“No one should have to worry about toxic forever chemicals in their tap water,” said Scott Faber, the group’s senior vice president.

The regulatory strategy comes as Congress considers legislation to set a national drinking water standard for certain PFAS chemicals and clean up contaminated sites across the country. Legislation passed in the House, but it has stalled in the Senate.

## Microsoft: Gates told emails were unseemly

By **Emily Flitter**  
The New York Times

Microsoft executives warned Bill Gates in 2008 about inappropriate emails he had sent to a female employee, a Microsoft spokesman said Monday.

The warning involved messages in which Gates, who at the time was a full-time employee and the company’s chair, asked an employee out on a date. Senior Microsoft executives learned of the emails in 2008, according to Frank Shaw, a Microsoft spokesperson.

After they discovered the messages, executives warned Gates that his behavior was inappropriate and notified a group of board members, Shaw said. Gates told board members that he agreed that what he had done was inappropriate, and the board took no further action.

Gates left the company shortly thereafter in a long-planned departure, though he remained a member of its board until last year. The executives’ warnings to Gates were reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal.

The Journal quoted Bridgett Arnold, a spokesperson for Gates, as saying, “These claims are false, recycled rumors from sources who have no direct knowledge, and in some cases have significant conflicts of interest.”

In 2019, after The New York Times reported on Gates’s long-running relationship with sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, Microsoft’s board began looking into a report that Gates had, years earlier, had a sexual relationship with a subordinate at Microsoft.

Gates and his wife, Melinda French Gates, announced earlier this year that they were ending their 27-year marriage.

The Times reported in May that Gates had developed a reputation for questionable conduct in work-related settings.



Stephen Werther, an owner and the chef of the West Village restaurant and market Suprema Provisions. Werther said during the pandemic he has seen an adversarial relationship change by feeding people experiencing homelessness. **EMON HASSAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

## Taking a stand on sidewalks

Restaurants try to defuse conflicts between outdoor diners and the homeless

By **Christina Morales**  
and **Victoria Petersen**  
The New York Times

NEW YORK — When Stephen Werther, co-owner of the West Village restaurant and market Suprema Provisions, opened his business for outdoor dining in the summer of 2020, he noticed people aggressively panhandling his customers.

Werther, who is also the chef, hired security guards, but he concluded after a couple of months that the strategy wasn’t working. So he found a better solution.

“We make them food,” Werther said. He lets the panhandlers order whatever they want, and each one has developed a go-to: a hamburger, pasta Bolognese, spaghetti pomodoro. “It’s created more of a community relationship with homeless people and the panhandlers, rather than an adversarial one,” he said.

Economic disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic has worsened already increasing levels of homelessness across

the country. And in New York City, where nearly 12,000 restaurants have been approved to offer outdoor dining, reports of diners being approached for money have become more widespread.

Incidents involving people believed to be homeless and restaurants aren’t categorized and tracked as such by the New York Police Department. But many restaurant owners, their employees and homeless-advocacy organizations said in interviews that such disputes have increased as more people have become homeless and thousands of restaurants have expanded dining to the streets and sidewalks.

Many of these encounters between the haves and have-nots are brief and amiable. But others become contentious, and restaurants are trying various ways to defuse them, including hiring security guards, regularly calling the police, relying on employees to handle the situation or, like Werther, helping those seeking aid.

Kate Smart, a spokesperson for Mayor Bill de Blasio’s office, said his administration has increased the number of beds for homeless people and tripled the ranks of outreach workers since 2014, to more than 600.

Homeless people want access to perma-

nent and affordable housing, a need the city government hasn’t been able to meet, said Jacquelyn Simone, a senior policy analyst at the Coalition for the Homeless. Many homeless people avoid staying in dormitory-like shelters.

“There’s a lot of feeling that this crisis of homelessness is not being approached with the urgency that it needs,” Simone said.

But many restaurant owners said they’re still trying to tamp down conflicts daily.

At Tavola, a pizzeria in the Hell’s Kitchen neighborhood, co-owner John Accardi said one of his staff members was slashed on the hand and his son was almost stabbed in disputes with people Accardi said were homeless. He said he tells employees to avoid such confrontations rather than risk injury. “I’d rather have someone break my table or chair,” he said.

At Tribeca’s Kitchen, employees are instructed to give food to anyone in need. Owner Andreas Koutsoudakis Jr. recalled a day this past summer when a man went table to table asking for help. Koutsoudakis said he offered him something to eat.

“The customers that saw me speaking to him, they actually looked at me and gave him money, and said, ‘What you did was amazing,’” Koutsoudakis recalled.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## Ford to divest from fossil fuels

The Ford Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the country, said it will divest millions from fossil fuels, following similar investment decisions made by other foundations in recent years.

For years, climate activists have put pressure on endowed institutions to end their investments in fossil fuel companies. MacArthur Foundation and Harvard University said last month that their institutions would end investments in fossil fuel-related companies.

Going forward, Ford, which has a \$16 billion endowment, said it will invest its energy portfolio in alternative and renewable energy, and funds that “address the threat of climate change, and support the transition to a green economy.”

## Foxconn plans to produce EVs

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The Taiwanese company that manufactures smartphones for Apple Inc. and other global brands announced plans Monday to produce electric cars for auto brands under a similar contract model.

Foxconn Technology Group will produce cars and buses for brands in China, North America, Europe and other markets, said its chairman, Young Liu. He said the clients can modify their appearance and features for their markets.

Foxconn said the flagship Model E sedan is due to be launched in 2023 and will seat five and have a range of 470 miles on one charge. The company said its first electric bus, the Model T, will have a range of less than 250 miles on one charge.

## House panel to Amazon: ‘Correct the record’

By **Matt Ott and Marcy Gordon**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers are threatening to seek a criminal investigation of Amazon, saying the tech giant has one “final chance” to correct previous testimony by executives on its competition practices.

They sent a letter Monday to Amazon President and CEO Andy Jassy, marking an escalation in a bipartisan battle against Amazon by the House Judiciary Committee panel that has investigated the market dominance of Big Tech.

The lawmakers are giving Amazon until Nov. 1 to “correct the record” and provide new documents and evidence.

The letter said the antitrust subcommittee was considering referring the case to the Justice Department for criminal investigation, as it accused Amazon of at least misleading Congress and possibly lying.

The letter cites recent media reports detailing Amazon’s alleged practice of undercutting the businesses that sell on its platform by making “knock-offs,” or very similar products, and boosting their presence on the site.

The reports contradict sworn testimony of Amazon executives and other statements to Congress, the letter says. It was signed by Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., and the Democratic and Republican leaders of the antitrust panel.

Jassy took over the top position at Seat-

le-based Amazon from founder Jeff Bezos in July.

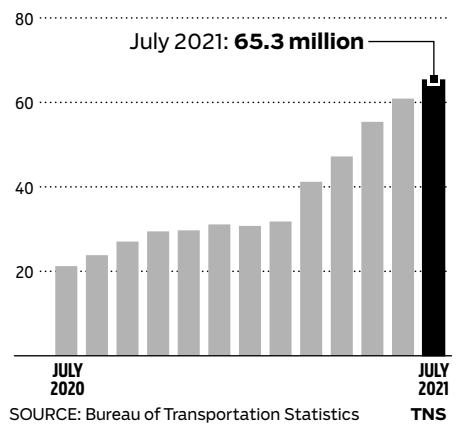
Amazon denied that its executives had misled the panel in their testimony.

The Wall Street Journal reported then that Amazon used sensitive, confidential information about sellers on its marketplace, their products and transactions to develop its own competing products. An Amazon executive denied such a practice in statements at a subcommittee hearing in July 2019, saying the company has a formal policy against it.

Bezos testified on the issue at a July 2020 hearing on Big Tech’s alleged monopolistic practices along with Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Google CEO Sundar Pichai.

### Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions





BUSINESS

Yale New Haven Health fires 94 for vaccine rebuff

By Alex Putterman  
Hartford Courant

Yale New Haven Health on Monday fired 94 employees who refused to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

The vaccine holdouts were a mix of full-time and per-diem employees, Dr. Ohm Deshpande, the health system's vice president of population health, said Monday. Yale New Haven officials had previously said they expected to lose between 100 and 200 employees as a result of the system's vaccine mandate.

"We're never happy when employees, especially valuable ones like these, have to leave the organization," Deshpande said. "At the same time, relative to where we were, it's actually better than we expected."

Deshpande said the employees who lost their jobs Monday spanned various job categories, including nursing, environmental services and nutrition.

Yale New Haven, which employs about 30,000 people total, had originally set a vaccination deadline of Oct. 1 but allowed employees several extra weeks to get their first shot before facing termination. Deshpande said the health system is open to re-hiring the fired employees if they get vaccinated against COVID-19.

"If they are able to overcome their objections to vaccination and get vaccinated, we would be more than happy to have them back," Deshpande said.

Following a recommendation from the Connecticut Hospital Association, all major hospitals in the state have required that employees get vaccinated against COVID-19, with most setting deadlines in late September or early October.

As of Thursday, Hartford HealthCare had a 99.6% vaccination rate among its employees but still had 192 holdouts "at risk of termination," according to Dr. Ajay Kumar, the health system's chief clinical officer.

A spokesperson for Hartford HealthCare declined to say Monday when those employees might be fired.

Representatives for Trinity Health of New England, which operates Saint Francis Hospital, did not respond to requests for comment about employee vaccination Monday.

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An employee works at La Geo Geothermal Power Plant last Friday in El Salvador. Geothermal power is used to power computers for cryptocurrency mining. **SALVADOR MELENDEZ/AP**

El Salvador touting its volcano power as crypto mining erupts

By Marcos Aleman  
and Christopher Sherman  
Associated Press

BERLIN, El Salvador — At a geothermal power plant near El Salvador's Tecapa volcano, 300 computers whir inside a trailer as they make complex mathematical calculations day and night verifying transactions for the cryptocurrency bitcoin.

The pilot project has inspired a rash of volcano emojis from President Nayib Bukele, who made bitcoin legal tender in September, and promises of cheap, renewable energy for so-called bitcoin "mining." Such operations, including ones industrial in scale, have been harshly criticized elsewhere in the world for the massive amounts of electricity they use and the resulting carbon footprint.

Bukele and others say El Salvador's geothermal resources — generating electricity from high-pressure steam produced by the volcano's subterranean heat — could be a solution. But the picture in the Central American country is more complicated.

"We don't spend resources that contaminate the environment, we don't depend on oil, we don't depend on natural gas, on any resource that isn't renewable," Daniel Alvarez, president of the Rio Lempa Hydroelectric Executive Commission, which oversees the plant, said during a tour last week.

Two years ago, China provided about three-quarters of all the electricity used for crypto mining, with operations flocking to take advantage of its cheap hydroelectric

power. But the government began restricting mining and in September declared all transactions involving bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies illegal.

That has led to a scramble to set up mining operations in other countries.

It would appear to be fortuitous for Bukele, who shocked the nation and many around the world with his announcement last summer that bitcoin would become legal tender beside the U.S. dollar in El Salvador.

But the launch has been rocky.

The digital wallet Salvadorans were expected to use to perform basic transactions had a glitchy rollout. Some users said they just wanted the \$30 the government offered as an incentive. There continue to be concerns that the digital currency will invite criminal activity.

So far, the United States has been a big winner in attracting more bitcoin mining operations, especially the state of Texas, which has bountiful renewable energy and a deregulated market.

Bitcoin mining in El Salvador would appear to have a supportive government in Bukele, but cheap electricity is so far just a promise.

El Salvador imports about one-fifth to one-quarter of its electricity. The rest of production is divided among hydroelectric, geothermal and plants fired by fossil fuels.

And while geothermal is cleaner than burning fossil fuels, it comes with its own impacts. The sites where wells are dug to tap into the subterranean heat impact the local habitat.

Rising rents stoke inflation rate, create Fed problem

By Jeanna Smialek  
The New York Times

Terrell McCallum, a private wealth adviser in Dallas, spends a lot of time thinking about markets and interest rates. He knows that the Federal Reserve targets 2% annual price increases on average, so it was a shock when he learned that his rent would increase 10% this year.

"I can afford it, but it gets to the brink of financial burden," said McCallum, 33. He and his wife have been saving up for their first home, but now that they are paying \$1,830 for their apartment and fees, that will become more difficult.

He tried to push back on the increase, but the company he rents from wouldn't budge.

"They said: 'This is what the market is doing.'"

McCallum's experience is echoing across America, as rents shoot higher after a brief pandemic slump, burdening households and fueling overall inflation. That is bad news for the Federal Reserve, because it could make today's uncomfortably rapid price gains last longer.

The jump in rents stemmed from a frenzy in the market for owned homes. People tried to buy as the pandemic took hold in the U.S., often searching for extra space, but found that houses were in short supply after years of under-building following the housing crisis.

As buyers bid up prices on single-family homes and condominiums, many people who would have otherwise moved toward homeownership found themselves unable to afford it.

Government stimulus checks and expanded unemployment benefits also helped people amass savings over the course of the pandemic, so they can afford to move. Personal savings as a share of disposable income popped during the crisis, and while the share has come down toward normal levels, it remains slightly elevated at 9.4%, compared with about 8% just before the pandemic.

The combination of factors seems to have created a perfect storm that pushed the Consumer Price Index measure of rent up 0.5% between August and September, the fastest pace in about 20 years.

That's a concern for the Fed, because housing prices tend to move slowly and once they go up, they tend to stay up for a while.

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OP-ED

## OK, boomers, you have time, money and skills to work for common good

By Akaya Windwood and Bill McKibben  
Los Angeles Times

About 10,000 Americans a day turn 60 (that’s roughly the same number of Americans born each day), and each of us passing that mark will live, on average, an additional 23 years and seven months. This is the baby boomer cohort, and along with the older “silent generation,” we hold 70% of the nation’s wealth. We vote — people in the 60-plus age group were about 50% more likely to cast a ballot in 2020 than those ages 18 to 29. But we also watch about five hours of television a day.

We can and should be doing more. The United States is facing divisive crises, and older Americans — experienced Americans — owe it to themselves and their kids and grandkids to push the nation in a better direction. The two of us are over 60, and we hope — we trust — that our peers who care about civil rights, economic justice and environmental sanity are ready to direct their life skills and resources toward the common good.

After all, in its first act, our cohort participated in or bore witness to profound political and cultural shifts for the better: We shaped or were shaped by — and benefited from — the civil rights movement, the drive for women’s equality, and the massive campaigns against the war in Vietnam. If

you’re about 70 now, you were about 20 on the first Earth Day, which means there was a pretty good chance you were out in the street.

Of course, not every young person in those years could be called progressive. And among those that were, as our long second act proceeded, the fervor seems to have faded. Perhaps we thought we’d actually solved these problems that engaged us, or perhaps we just found ourselves behaving more as consumers than as citizens. Many of us did the “right” things — got jobs, had families — and with the Reagan-era political shift to the right, it was easier to put our heads down, go to work and attend to our families and communities.

But now we emerge into our latter years with talents, wisdom and often with the money to put them to use. Our children and grandchildren should help focus us on the fact that if we don’t act now, we may leave the world a worse place than we found it.

The conventional wisdom, of course, is that age alone turns people conservative. Certainly the right wing works hard to make it appear so: The median age of Fox News viewers is 68. The Koch network and the American Petroleum Institute, for instance, helped fund the 60-Plus Assn., which has opposed climate legislation and health care reform. And whatever your politics, you may be showing a disturb-

ing tendency toward smug obliviousness. Hence, OK, boomer.

The journalist Jill Filipovic, in her book “OK Boomer, Let’s Talk,” pointed out that while those in our age group were being good parents, offering our own children “a nurturing base from which to grow” and encouraging them to “pursue their passions,” we didn’t do enough for society at large. Instead we voted for tax cuts.

Bruce Gibney, in his book “A Generation of Sociopaths,” put it like this: Boomers have “destroyed a sense of social solidarity, a sense of commitment to their fellow citizens. That ethos is gone and it’s been replaced by a cult of individualism.”

Generalities obscure as much as they illuminate: Women of color in the 60-plus demographic have worked harder than anyone else to keep that sense of solidarity and optimism alive. But it’s undeniable that many of us born toward the end of World War II could go to college and emerge with little debt. If we weren’t redlined from the suburbs, we got in early on the great escalator of rising real estate values. We worked hard (maybe too hard — work-life balance was never our specialty), but more work needs to be done now.

Here’s one example: Perhaps no legislation in the lifetime of anyone over 60 has been as transformative as the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Watching it erode in the face

of new voter suppression laws should be beyond painful for our cohort. We can help in that battle by joining existing campaigns against voter suppression at the state and national level, and by invoking our own long memories of all the times voting really mattered, to help make sure no one takes it for granted.

Meanwhile, young people including Greta Thunberg have explicitly asked for help in addressing the climate crisis. Here’s an option: Join demonstrations on Oct. 29 that will target giant financial institutions such as Chase and Citibank, funders of the fossil fuel industry. Their executives may pay particular attention if the people whose retirement accounts fill their vaults take up the cause.

The leadership for progressive action comes mostly from the young — as in Black Lives Matter and the Sunrise Movement. But older people too can be catalysts for deep change. It’s not fair to ask the young to save the world themselves, nor is it possible.

If enough of the 70 million of us who’ve passed the six-decade mark join in, then we’ve got a chance. We’ve done it before.

*Akaya Windwood is lead adviser at Third Act, a new effort to organize older Americans. Bill McKibben, founder of the climate group 350.org, is a Third Act co-founder.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Gambling, pot not good for Connecticut

Why is the state cheering the passing of gambling and marijuana laws? What redeeming qualities does this bring to the state?

So we should believe that more people getting high and gambling online is good for the state? Explain to me how and why, besides money. I see ads with numbers to call for drug and gambling problems; how hypocritical to encourage this through the easiest access, and tell people to call a number if they have problems.

I will guarantee that the Courant, being filtered news, will not publish this.

**John Fuffo, Meriden**

### We must salvage UConn football

We moved here years ago from the Midwest. I was excited when UConn decided to go Div. I in football and I have had season tickets ever since. I watched as UConn fans learned what it meant to be in a big-time college football environment. As we all know, the team developed into an exciting and competitive unit and fun to watch. Then, Randy Edsall did the unthinkable. Bad coaching hires followed and devastated the program.

I have been to virtually every home game and to many away games, including that train wreck at Amherst. It must change. We should be mad. UConn needs to be Div. I or FBS. No serious major university should be without an FBS football program. Yes, it stinks to lose to Holy Cross, it’s awful



CannaWarriors member Cody Roberts smokes marijuana April 20 in front of the state Capitol. He and other cannabis equity advocates gathered at the Legislative Office Building and then marched to the state Capitol in support of HB6377 cannabis legislation. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

to lose to UMass. But we must make this work. That falls to athletic director David Benedict. He must make football the priority and fix it. And, while we’re at it, fix that stadium. We are lucky to have that facility in East Hartford, take care of it. Come on, Connecticut.

**Bob Hensley, Simsbury**

### Biden should prioritize freedom of right to vote

In 2006, 192 House Republicans voted to

renew the Voting Rights Act. Now, we can’t get a single Republican senator to come out and unequivocally support protecting the freedom to vote for the American people. That tells you everything you need to know about our hopes for passing voting rights legislation without abolishing the filibuster. It’s time for President Joe Biden to recognize this reality and use the power of his office to demand the Senate abolish the filibuster. Supporting voting rights legislation alone is simply not enough. Please, President Biden, we need a strategy. Put the freedom of the American people

to vote ahead of any reservations you have about abolishing the filibuster. The stakes are too high to lack your leadership.

**Gwynn Griffin, Colebrook**

### State needs to get TCI across finish line

Kudos to the Hartford City Council for taking a stand for our public health by passing a resolution urging the Hartford delegation and the Connecticut General Assembly to pass legislation to implement the Transportation Climate Initiative [courant.com, Oct. 13, “Hartford city council passes resolution supporting Transportation & Climate Initiative”]. Citing statistics, the council highlighted the significant health effects of pollutants from transportation, including respiratory diseases like asthma. It is shocking when you consider that Connecticut residents spend about \$100 million per year in asthma care. Those living in areas overburdened by pollution, including children and the elderly, are particularly vulnerable.

Gov. Ned Lamont signed the memorandum of understanding committing our state to TCI in December 2020. The program will make critical investments in infrastructure, create jobs and improve the health and well-being of residents. Now, we need his leadership, and that of our legislative leaders, to get it across the finish line. Connecticut residents deserve nothing less.

**Anthony Yoder, Newington**  
*The writer is chair of the Health and Public Policy Committee, CT Chapter, American College of Physicians*

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OP-ED

## US courting a cold war with China

By Melvin A. Goodman  
Baltimore Sun

Why is the United States — its president, its politicians, its pundits — hellbent on creating a cold war environment and arms race with China?

CIA director William Burns has created a new center with the sole function of collecting intelligence on China and countering that country’s espionage against the United States. And President Joe Biden, who has assembled a hard-line national security team on China, has continued the bombastic policies of Donald Trump, leaving tariffs in place over the opposition of American business leaders.

There are bipartisan majorities in the Congress supporting increased defense spending and modernization of nuclear weapons, even though the size of the U.S. military is already disproportionate to the Chinese threat. And in a further effort to counter China, the president also entered into a deal to provide nuclear submarine technology to Australia, even though the United States hasn’t provided such technology to any nation since the late 1950s and the Australian treaty violates the spirit of the Non-Proliferation Treaty of the late 1960s.

China’s response to the surprising submarine deal was quick and forceful. Last week, nearly 150 Chinese warplanes were flown into Taiwan’s air defense identification zone, placing military tensions between China and Taiwan at their worst level in four decades. China’s President Xi Jinping didn’t mention the flights in his speech commemorating the 1911 revolution that overthrew China’s last imperial dynasty, but he did vow to achieve a

peaceful “unification” with Taiwan.

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense prepares for confrontation with China, and issues worst-case assessments of Beijing. The recent war scare in China required several calls from former secretary of defense Mark Esper and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, as well as the postponing of a naval exercise in the South China Sea, to calm waters. An underwater collision involving a U.S. nuclear attack submarine in the South China Sea last week should serve as a wake-up call to the policy and political communities mired in group think on China. Chinese foreign policy experts have compared the dispute in the South China Sea to the Cuban missile crisis.

We hear nothing from the departments and agencies of government that could address the issue of China more realistically with measures to enhance bilateral relations and temper the public atmospherics. The Commerce Department should be focused on economic security and civilian technology to counter the Pentagon’s emphasis on military security and technology. According to a recent Politico article, the Commerce Department’s Bureau of Industry and Security — central to technology trade with China — suffers from a lack of strategic direction and insufficient resources. There is no discussion of returning to the Washington-inspired Trans-Pacific Partnership, a regional trading association best suited to competing with China in East Asia.

The Department of State remains understaffed, and there is no hint of arms control measures that could address tensions in U.S.-China relations. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has surrendered his role in bilateral

diplomacy to National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, the administration’s public voice on relations with Beijing. There is ample basis for a significant strategic dialogue between the United States and China; they share many concerns in East Asia, particularly regarding North Korea’s missile program.

The key to establishing an effective dialogue with China could be arms control, but the Department of Defense recently removed its assistant secretary of defense for arms control and disarmament. The two powers need rules of the road for navigating the South China Sea. The United States could limit its aircraft carrier deployments; China could limit its anti-ship forces. And both sides need to stop the China-bashing/America-bashing syndromes that have worsened over the course of the pandemic. The agency of government that we sorely need is the one that President Bill Clinton eliminated 25 years ago: the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The U.S. strategic position is still unassailable, even in East Asia, with military superiority in various domains. China lacks strategic allies. The United States has important relations with Australia, Japan, India, South Korea and various Southeast Asian states, a grouping that resembles an anti-China partnership. China is making no effort to project power into regions outside of its neighborhood; the United States has hundreds of facilities and bases the world over. President Biden needs to end the militarized approach to Asia, and institutionalize a serious bilateral dialogue.

*Melvin A. Goodman is a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and a former CIA intelligence analyst from 1966 to 1990.*



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Items, Tools. Kerry Cotto, 4127, Clothing,  
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NOTICE

The BFWCA is seeking proposals for Detailed  
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1. Dual 5,000 gal chamber concrete tank
2. Incorporation of tank with current  
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3. No service interruption during project
4. Full project completion by the end of 2022

All phases of the project will be funded  
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Fund (DWSRF). Any contract awarded under  
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State Revolving Fund and will be subject to  
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In order to best assess objective evaluation  
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the City of Hartford, contact the HPD Property  
Room at 860 757-4180 weekdays 7:A.M to  
2:30 P.M. Please provide a detailed descrip-  
tion of the property, the circumstances of its  
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Liquor Notices

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
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Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I,  
KATHERINE BOGLI  
198R SALMON BROOK ST  
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Have filed an application placarded  
10/19/2021 with the  
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for a CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR  
PERMIT for the sale of  
alcoholic liquor on the premises at  
198R SALMON BROOK ST  
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The business will be owned by:  
KATHERINE BOGLI  
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<b>COVENTRY</b> John E. Saimininkas	<b>NEW BRITAIN</b> Sr. Laura M. Meskill, Rsm
<b>EAST HAMPTON</b> Robert E. Eckert	<b>PORTLAND</b> David N. Unikewicz
<b>ENFIELD</b> Charles A. Duren Elmer F. Snyder	<b>SOUTHINGTON</b> Alexandrina M. Folcik*
<b>GLASTONBURY</b> John H. Burke	<b>WEST HARTFORD</b> Joan A. P. Curis Sr. Laura M. Meskill, Rsm
<b>HARTFORD</b> Yvonne D. Locke Jose I. Montalvo Catherine H. Seals	<b>WETHERSFIELD</b> Frances D. Neun
<b>MANCHESTER</b> Rosa Lippolis Annette T. Morin	<b>WINDSOR</b> Troy L. Mccalop, Sr.
<b>MANSFIELD</b> Sandra L. Marschat	

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Burke, John H.

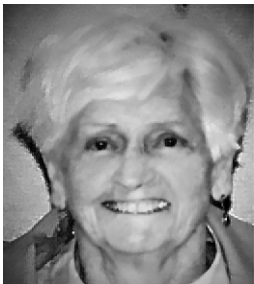


John (Jack) H. Burke, 79, of Glastonbury CT, beloved husband of Patricia (Newton) Burke for 57 years, died Thursday October 14, 2021 at home. Born February 8, 1942 in Hartford CT, the only child of the late John J. and Mary (Quigley) Burke, he had lived in Kings Park, NY for two decades, retiring in Glastonbury over the past 16+ years. Jack graduated from St. Michael's College and had a long, successful career at Aetna as an insurance executive, ultimately retiring from Travelers Insurance. Jack and Pat loved to travel with family and friends, calling Cape Cod, Naples, FL, and Ireland some of their favorite destinations. Jack was an avid golfer, sports enthusiast, and a voracious reader. In addition to his wife he is survived by his 5 children, Sheryl Adkins and her husband Douglas of South Glastonbury, CT, Brian Burke of Rock Hill, SC, John K. Burke and his wife Melissa of Kings Park, NY, Jeffrey Burke and his wife Susan of Northport, NY, and Bethany Burke and her partner Shannon Michael Windham of Redondo Beach, CA. He was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, Brett, Quinten and Matthew Adkins; Stephanie Fernandez and her husband Justin, and their children Lucas and Harper; Michael, Joshua, Sarah, Rebekah and Karah Burke; Connor and Mackenzie Burke; Cory Cerussi and his wife Alexandra, Casey Burke and Hailey Almeida and her husband Nicholas. Jack's family will hold a private celebration of life this Saturday, October 23, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) in honor of his wife Patricia. For online condolences please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).



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Curis, Joan Anne Patricia (Meskill)



Joan Anne Patricia (Meskill) Curis, a devoted wife and mother, a proud Irish Catholic woman whose faith guided her throughout her life, passed peacefully on October 15, 2021 at home having shared laughs, songs, advice, stories, and smiles with her devoted children and grandchildren. Joan was born in New York City on January 31, 1933, the fifth of eight children of Mary (Mame) and Daniel Meskill. Growing up in the Bronx, she took care of her father's chickens and delivered eggs off the back of her bike to neighbors and aunts. Joan attended Villa Maria Academy in the Bronx where she was known as "Joan Anne Meskill...a girl to like. She always arrived on her faithful bike." She completed her nursing training at Misericordia Hospital, and then, at night, attended St. John's University for a bachelor's degree. Her nursing career began at Lenox Hill Hospital. She went on to work at Metropolitan City Hospital and was Head Nurse of the pediatric Communicable Disease floor. She met her loving husband of 57 years, Francis (Frank) T. Curis at the hospital chapel. Their early days together were in San Antonio, Texas, then Columbia, South Carolina. Eventually, they settled in West Hartford, Connecticut, joining St. Timothy's parish. Joan was happiest when surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Her greatest gift to them was her faith and love. She lived an active lifestyle that included playing tennis, biking, and golf; volunteering for school boards and childhood literacy; and bringing communion to home-bound individuals of her parish community. Frank and Joan loved entertaining their friends and family. She cherished her close friends. There was always room at the table for one more. Many a college education plan was developed and sometimes applications had their i's dotted and t's crossed at Joan's table. Joan and Frank set high standards and willingly made the sacrifices required to send all their children for Catholic education from kindergarten all the way through private universities. Joan loved laughing with her family, demonstrating her (basketball) right hook, singing in St. Timothy's choir, cheering at her kids' games, exercising in the pool, sharing summers in North Carolina, and spending time with friends and family. We will miss her telling us how to do what to do, and laughing at herself, and always being there for us when we needed her. Joan is survived by her children: Jim (Mary Margaret) of Durham, NC; Cathy of West Hartford, CT; Tom of New York, NY; Bill (Heather) of Cumming, GA; Tricia (Pat) Gerity of West Hartford, CT; Robert (Edlira) of Orange, CT; Maureen (Kurt) Vanscoy of Wilmington, NC; and Dan (Teri) of Southport, CT. She was loving grandmother to 14 grandchildren: Justin, Cole, Liam, Caitlin, Delia, Thomas, Kathleen, Sara, Robert, Emma, Reamon, Fiona, Kaitlyn, and Danielle. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Francis T. Curis (2017) her sister Mary (Mitchell), her brothers, Danny, Bill, Jim, and Robert. She is survived by her brothers, John and Larry Meskill, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06119, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 20. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of St. Timothy 225 King Phillip Drive, West Hartford 06117 on Thursday, October 21, at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow in Mt. View Cemetery, Bloomfield. The mass will also be live streamed for those unable to attend in person. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to St. Timothy's School, 225 King Phillip Drive, West Hartford, or Doctors Without Borders. Directions and a link to live stream are available at: [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com).



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OBITUARIES

Duren, Charles A.



Charles A. Duren, 89, beloved husband of 66 years of the late Ann K. (Egbert) Duren, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. Born in Springfield, MA on January 13, 1932, he was the son of the late Lloyd A. and Margaret C. (Dixon) Duren. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Fort Knox with the Army Engineers as well as in France with SCARWAF. Charles received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Fitchburg State College, and then his Master's Degree in Education from UHART. He worked for the East Hartford School system as a Guidance Counselor for 39 years before retiring in 1992. He was a longtime member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, now Holy Family Episcopal Church in Enfield. Charles was very active in many veterans and civic organizations in Enfield, including Tanguay-Magill American Legion Post 80, the Masonic Lodge, the Republican Town Committee, the Board of Education, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Council. He served as a Justice of the Peace; was a devoted fan of the UConn women's basketball team, and adored Boston Terriers who were his faithful companions over the years. Besides his wife Ann, he was predeceased by his brother the Rev. Lloyd A Duren and his sister Margaret C. Duren. Charles is survived by his daughters, Kathleen White and her husband David of Laconia, NH, Deborah Duren and her husband Paul Faille of Enfield, and Nancy Russo and her husband Joseph of New Bern, NC; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Legault of Boston, MA; Jeffrey White and his wife Jenny of Clinton, MA, Gina Russo of Sherman, and Matthew Russo of New Bern, NC; and his great grandson, Jackson White, his sister-in-law Arlene Bowler and her husband Patrick of East Harwich, MA; and several nieces and nephews. His family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, October 20 from 4-6 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. A Funeral Service will be celebrated on Thursday, October 21 at 11 am at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 383 Hazard Ave. Enfield. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Hazardville Cemetery. Donations in Charles' memory may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 383 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences, please visit [www.leetestevens.com](http://www.leetestevens.com).

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Eckert, Robert E.



Robert E. Eckert, 78, of East Hampton and formerly of New Britain, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at home with his family at his side. Born on February 11, 1943 in New Britain, Robert was the son of the late Edward and Nettie (Buikus) Eckert and the beloved husband to Sandra (Andrade) Eckert. Robert served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a Distribution Manager at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 35 years. He was a lifetime member and Past Exalted Ruler for B.P.O.E #771 in Middletown. He was also a past member of the Over the Hill Gang Hot Rod Club. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fly fishing, and carpentry but of all, his grandson Jackson whom he spoke with or saw every single day. Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Sandra of East Hampton, his son, Jeffrey and wife, Amber. Two grandchildren, Jackson (Jeffery/Amber) and Michael Jameson (Michael). He was predeceased by son, Michael. Relatives and friends are invited to call on the family on Thursday morning, October 21, 2021 at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, 396 Church Street, New Britain. Robert will be laid to rest with Military Honors in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Robert's name may be made to the American Heart Association or American Lung Association. For the safety of everyone attending calling hours and services, the funeral home staff will be wearing masks and we encourage those attending to do so. Masks are mandatory for unvaccinated guests. To leave an online expression of sympathy for the family or for further information, please visit: [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).



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Neun, Frances D.

Frances Mary (Draus) Neun died Wednesday evening in the loving care of the family to which she devoted her earthly life. She was 96. Frances was born on April 25, 1925 in Brooklyn, N.Y. — the oldest daughter of James Ignatius Draus and Katherine (Maciej) Draus. She moved as a toddler to Meriden, Conn. where her parents ran a grocery store. St. Stanislaus Church was a center of spiritual and educational life: she received Eucharist, was confirmed and married on its altar, and she learned to speak English in its primary school before graduating from Meriden High School during World War II. Frances was one of many women, in the spirit of "Rosie the Riveter," who supported the war effort by inspecting shells for the Navy in a factory that normally made silverware. Frances married John Thomas Neun on July 12, 1952, and they raised three boys at a home in Wethersfield. She was a person of great faith who stressed the importance of education to her sons. Frances enjoyed spending time with her family, playing cards and relaxing on Black Point Beach near her summer "cottage" in Niantic. In 1968, she began working as a clerk for Colt Firearms in Samuel Colt's original factory in Hartford. She continued with Colt for more than 20 years — after her husband died from cancer in 1981. She kept busy in retirement by traveling with close friends, visiting area senior centers for card games and making the occasional trip to Foxwoods. She attended Mass daily. Frances remained healthy and lived independently in the house on Dorlen Circle that she and John bought in 1956 until she was 90 years old. Frances was predeceased by her parents, her sister Michaline (Roman) Sikora and her brother Thomas (Carol) Draus as well as many loving nieces, nephews and friends. She is survived by her three sons John Augustine (Paula Vielkind) Neun of Clifton Park, N.Y.; Raymond (Patricia) Neun of Franklin, N.H. and David Neun of Niantic, Conn. She was a proud grandmother — or "Babci" — to Marybeth Neun of Florida, Kathleen (Kyle) Jones of Rhode Island, John Vielkind-Neun of Texas and James (Katherine Nadeau) Vielkind-Neun of New York. She also lived to meet three great-grandchildren: Brooke, Isabel and Brayden. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 at 11:00 am at The Church of The Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield, CT. \*\*\*Masks are required in church. Burial will follow at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Meriden, CT at 1:00 pm. Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin, NH is assisting with arrangements. For an online guestbook, please visit [www.neunfuneralhomes.com](http://www.neunfuneralhomes.com)

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Lippolis, Rosa



Rosa Lippolis (Addabbo), 89, of Manchester CT passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 12, 2021. Rosa was born in Noci (Bari), Italy on July 21, 1932. Rosa was married to Nicola Lippolis on September 17, 1964; they were married for 54 years. She and Nicola immigrated to the United States in 1967 and made Manchester their home. Rosa was the oldest of six siblings and prided herself on being a compassionate and strong big sister, qualities that she carried forward into adulthood as she fully embraced the roles of devoted wife and loving mother. Rosa kept her happy home filled with lush, flourishing plants, and she never missed a chance to go out into the yard and care for the beautiful flowers that she loved as if they, too, were her children. Rosa always looked forward to her next trip back to Noci to visit with cherished family and old friends and to stay in the first home that she and Nicola had shared as newlyweds. Rosa was an amazing cook and expertly skilled at knitting and embroidery, but she jumped at the opportunity to get out of the house to go antique shopping or have a nice lunch out with those she loved. But nothing gave Rosa more joy than being a loving grandmother to her four grandchildren. Whether it was gently rocking them to sleep, singing Italian nursery rhymes to make them laugh, or patiently teaching them how to make her world-famous focaccia, Rosa loved them so much that she was often brought to tears at the thought of not seeing them for any length of time.

Rosa is survived by her children Pasqua and husband Michael Guzzi and Domenico and wife Claire Lippolis, and her grandchildren Amanda Guzzi of New York, NY, Sara Guzzi, Francesca Lippolis, and Giuliana Lippolis of Manchester, CT, and Laura Addabbo of Chesterfield, MA. She is also survived by her siblings Luca (Maria) Addabbo of Manchester, CT and Mario (Daphne) Addabbo of Chesterfield, MA, her brothers-in-law Eduardo (Margherita) Lippolis of Noci, Italy, and Mario (Mariolina) Lippolis of Putignano, Italy, and her sisters-in-law Elizabeth (Robert) Fleischer of Fairfield, CT, and Maria Dongiovanni, Marisa Lippolis, Luciana Lippolis, and Giulia Lippolis of Noci, Italy, and countless nieces and nephews in both Italy and the United States.

Rosa is preceded in death by her husband Nicola Lippolis, her parents Vitantonio and Luigia (Dragone) Addabbo, her siblings Laura Carucci of Noci, Italy, and Pasquale Addabbo and Francesco Addabbo of Manchester, CT, her brothers-in-law Vincenzo Carucci, Giovanni Lippolis, Andrea Lippolis, Felice Lippolis, and Francesco Dongiovanni of Noci, Italy, and her sisters-in-law Antonia Addabbo and Judi Addabbo of Manchester, CT.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 - 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St. in Manchester, CT. The Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Saint James Church, 896 Main St. in Manchester, CT. We are respecting Manchester's mask mandate. A burial ceremony will follow the funeral mass. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Istituto ANTONIANO dei PADRI ROGAZIONISTI Via Tiziano Minio, 15 - 35134 PADOVA , Italy. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).



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Locke, Yvonne D



Yvonne D. Locke, 72, of Hartford, beloved wife of Ancel Locke, transitioned peacefully on Sunday, September 26, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Yvonne was born August 28, 1949, in Westmoreland, Jamaica, to Hazel Fiddler and the late Osmond Cunningham. Yvonne is survived by her daughter, Sharon Locke of Hartford; and two sons, Burely Locke of Hartford and Glasgow Locke and his wife Antoinette of Windsor. Funeral services will be held at 12pm on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT. Family will receive friends prior from 10:00am- 12:00pm. For the complete obituary and online condolences please visit [www.carmon-funeralhome.com](http://www.carmon-funeralhome.com)



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McCalop Sr., Troy Len



Troy L. McCalop Sr., 50 of Windsor, CT, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Troy was born in Hartford, the son of Loretta McCalop-Betts and Clearance Underwood. Troy was educated through the Hartford Public School system and was a 1989 graduate of Bulkeley High School. "The gregarious Troy was known for his beautiful smile and his culinary skills. In short, he loved to make things. Troy was someone who was fiercely loyal to his family and friends and he spent his days crafting meals or anything you could imagine for their enjoyment. There were a few places you could find Troy on any given day - behind a grill or stove cooking up a tasty meal, or at the beach. He loved fishing and watching his favorite team, the "San Francisco 49'ers." Troy leaves to mourn his passing, four children, Troy L. McCalop Jr., Jada L. McCalop, Justin M. McCalop and Tocari L. McCalop; his grandson, Cameron L. McCalop; his twin sister, Tori Witchare and her husband Edward; his sister, Kim Underwood; his beloved aunt, Faye McCalop; his niece, Dasia McCalop; nephews, Ja'Quan Sullivan-McCalop and Darien Rodriguez; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and lifetime friends. He was predeceased by his loving grandparents, James, and Odis McCalop; his uncle, Archie McCalop; and his cousin, John P Rushing. His family will receive friends on Saturday, October 23, 5-6 p.m., with a Celebration of Troy's life at 6 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bedford Avenue, Windsor. Entombed will be held at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford at a later date. "There are no words to convey how his family and friends will forever miss him. May he Rest in "Eternal Peace."



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OBITUARIES

Meskill, RSM, Sr. Laura Marie



Sister Laura Marie Meskill died peacefully on October 16, 2021 in the Baggot Street Community at Saint Mary Home. The daughter of Thomas and Laura (Warren) Meskill, she was born on August 23, 1926 in Bridgeport, CT.

From the time Sister Laura Marie met the Sisters of Mercy as a fourth grader in St. Mary School, New Britain, until her final days at Saint Mary Home, she embraced and radiated a life of Mercy. Following graduation from Mount Saint Joseph Academy as Valedictorian of the Class of 1944, she continued her journey of Mercy at the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford and entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1946, professing her final vows on January 2, 1952.

Sister Laura Marie received her BA in Education (1959) and MA in English (1964) from the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, and an MA in Guidance from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT (1974).

Throughout the years her ministries called her to serve as instructor, teacher, counselor and administrator followed by decades of service as a pastoral associate in St. Mary Parish, Portland, CT with her longtime friend, Sister Mary Ida Dolan.

A gifted woman, Sister Laura Marie brought hope and kindness into the lives of people of all ages. Her thirty-eight year tenure at Mercy High School, Middletown, earned her recognition from the alumnae as one of the most influential individuals in their lives. From college selection to geometric problems to counselling, she was always present and ready to share her wisdom as she continued to cherish each year even when her eyesight and hearing were limited. "No" and "I can't help you" were not in her vocabulary.

Following Sister Mary Ida's death, Sister Laura Marie continued her compassionate presence at Saint Mary Home.

Predeceased by her parents, her brother former Governor Thomas J. Meskill and his wife, Mary (Grady), Sister Laura Marie is survived by her sister Ruth Prior of Naples, Florida, and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her Mercy Community and the residents of the Baggot Street Community.

The Sisters of Mercy are grateful to the staff at Saint Mary Home for their compassionate, loving care of Sister Laura Marie Meskill.

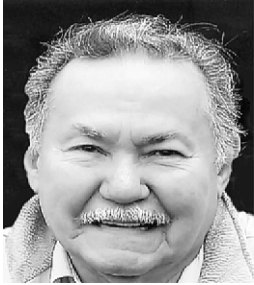
Sister Laura Marie's Funeral Mass and wake will be held on Friday, October 22, at Saint Mark the Evangelist Church, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. by her grand-nephew, Father Samuel Kachuba, preceded by the wake from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will follow Mass in Saint Mary Cemetery, 2021 Albany Avenue, West Hartford. Wearing masks is required at all services.

Please consider donations in memory of Sister Laura Marie Meskill to the Sisters of Mercy, 25 Prescott Street, 1st Floor, West Hartford, CT. 06119-2335. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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Montalvo, Jose I.



Jose I. Montalvo, 86 of Hartford, beloved husband of Edith (Martinez) Montalvo, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born in San German, Puerto Rico, son of the late Francisco and Dominga (Irizarry) Montalvo, and immigrated to Hartford in 1955. Prior to his retirement, Jose worked for Colt's Manufacturing for 31 years. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart and St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Hartford for many years.

Jose had a number of accomplishments during his lifetime. Jose was severely hard of hearing, was primarily Spanish speaking and had a limited education in a foreign country. Despite these challenges, he was able to attain and maintain steady employment, secure and purchase a home and successfully raise a family in CT. Jose was a self-taught carpenter, who enjoyed gardening, traveling, traditional Puerto Rican music, playing dominoes and family gatherings. He was an active member in his church community and was proud to have completed his "Cursillo". His laughter and voice could be heard far and near and many in the community have funny stories of his contagious joy and kindness. A humble man. He was loved by many.

Besides his wife Edith, Jose is survived by his son, Jose Montalvo, Jr. of Hartford, and his daughter, Milagros Montalvo-Stewart, and her husband Ryan, of Newington. He leaves his brother Francisco Montalvo of Newington, and his 2 sisters; Irene Rodriguez of West Hartford, and Haydee Feliciano of Hartford, his 4 grandchildren; Damon Stewart, Makai Stewart, Khalil Stewart and Tais Montalvo. He was predeceased by his 4 brothers; Fabian, Jorge, Bienvenido, and Valero Montalvo, and a sister, Vidalina Montalvo. Jose also leaves many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 21, 2021, 10:00 AM at Maria Reina De La Paz Parish (St. Lawrence O'Toole Church) 494 New Britain Ave. Hartford, CT 06106. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Dillon Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke. Wethersfield, CT. To share a memory with the family, please visit [www.dillonbaxter.com](http://www.dillonbaxter.com)



Dillon-Baxter  
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Gagne, Peggy-Anne Shattuck



Peggy-Anne (Shattuck) Gagne of Bloomfield, Connecticut passed away on Monday, October 18th, 2021. Peggy was born in Wellesley, MA. Peggy is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Melissa Gagne; her daughter and son-in law, Gail and Sylko Dorsett, and her four beloved grandchildren, Jessica, Gregory, Kelsey and Ryan. She is predeceased by her loving husband, Dominique Gagne, whom she was married to for fifty years. Peggy graduated from Wellesley High School and Lesley College and taught Kindergarten and Nursery School in Bloomfield for many years. Peggy had a true passion and gift of gardening and could usually be seen outside her house on Mills Lane, planting or weeding her many gardens. Peggy loved her family and friends, she had a laugh that was infectious and she was a beloved member of the community. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. The family respectfully requests that for the safety of everyone, only people who are fully vaccinated attend Peggy's service. For condolences or directions please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Marschat, Sandra Lind (Hitchcock)



Sandra Lind (Hitchcock) Marschat, 85, of Mansfield Centre, CT, passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Windham Community Memorial Hospital. She was born in Grosse Pointe, MI, on February 21, 1936, daughter of Charles W. and Louise (Lind) Hitchcock. Sandy graduated from Windham High School in 1954 and Mitchell College in New London, CT. Sandy worked with her father at C.W. Hitchcock Insurance Agency, Willimantic, for many years and then worked for The Fowler Agency until she retired. She was a member of the Mansfield Historical Society, and the Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Sandy is survived by her sister, Gail Hitchcock; brother-in-law, Eugene Myers; five nieces and nephews; Thomas and wife Charlotte Myers, Donald Myers, Ronald and his wife Diane Myers, Linda Dean, and Bonnie Bellingham; and many great and great, great nieces and nephews. Sandy also leaves many cousins, friends and neighbors. She was predeceased by her husband, Louis Marschat; and two sisters, Barbara Jean Bates and Dorris Myers. A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12 noon at Storrs Cemetery, 82 N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of Mansfield Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 95 Mansfield Center, CT 06250. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence for the family, or for directions, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)

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Morin, Annette T.



Annette T. Morin, 67, of Manchester, CT passed away Thursday, October 14, 2021. Annette was born in Springfield, MA and was the daughter of the late Chester and Nina (Pikow) Brazauskas. She was a beloved mother to five children but thought of as a "Mom" to so many. Annette; Nettie or Tracy as she was called by some was a master cake decorator and craft maker. She was loved by all who knew her and will be deeply missed. Annette is survived by her two sons, Kristopher Morin and his wife Katie, Frank Morin, Jr and a nephew who was like a son Kyle Smith. Her two daughters Jennifer Fagan and her husband Tim, Rebecca Morin and Kaylin Smith her niece who was like a daughter, her sister Beverly Brazauskas and five grandchildren Zachary, Marissa, Dee, Anthony and Omari and one great grandchild Mason. Annette was predeceased by her husband Frank Morin, her daughter Sandra Teran, her brother Robert Brazauskas and sister Patricia Mytych.

A memorial service will be held Friday, October 22, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Rd., Manchester, CT. Burial will be private. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT has charge of arrangements. To extend condolences to the Morin family or to share a memory of Annette, please visit [SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM](http://SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM)

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Seals, Catherine H.



Catherine H. Seals, a long-time resident of Hartford CT, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2021. She was 74 years old.

Born in Hartford CT, she was the daughter of Russell and Marian Huk. Catherine graduated from Buckley High School in 1969. She started her career at the City of Hartford working in the office of Planning and Development. With her strong work ethic she became a paralegal and a member of the Connecticut Bar Association. Catherine was a proud member of the Ukrainian Community. She was also active with the AKC and was an animal lover. In her younger years she enjoyed volleyball, horseback riding, and throughout her life loved all things cooking, baking, and gardening. She is survived by her son, Ryan Seals, his wife Christine, and her beautiful granddaughter Kayleigh of Pittsburgh PA; her son Evan Seals and his partner Lauren Varjabedian of Hartford CT; her sister Deborah Morrison of Manchester CT; and her beloved Belgian Sheepdog, Enzo.

She was predeceased by her brother Russell Huk (57). The family would like to extend their love and gratitude to all of Cathy's extended family, friends, neighbors, Doctors, and Nurses; especially to those on CB2. Arrangements have been entrusted to Luddy - Peterson Funeral Home, 205 S. Main Street, New Britain, CT. 06051. There will be no services held at this time. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Saimininkas, John E.



John E. Saimininkas, 66 of Coventry CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 14, 2021.

John was a true outdoorsman with a deep passion for fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, concert going, gardening, and wood-splitting – proudly owning the nickname "Farmer John." John and his wife Arline often set out on the lake for their own fishing competitions as a favorite pastime, sometimes he even won!

Inside you could always find him watching the latest NASCAR race, jamming to Bon Jovi and country music, picking out his next hot rod in the Barrett Jackson auction, or watching the Little House on the Prairie with his daughters in his younger years. John was a free spirit with a strong energy that made everyone around him feel loved, full of laughter and protected; he will forever be remembered this way.

Born January 20, 1955 in Hartford, John is survived by; his loving wife Arline, his "honey" of 27 years, brother-in-law Mike Mailhot and wife Cheryl, daughter Jessica, RN, MSN, and granddaughter's Aubrianna and Braelynn all of Avon, daughter Carrie McAllister of Glastonbury; his mother Aldona, sister Kristina Jackopsic and husband Gary of West Hartford; nieces and nephews Julie, Joshua, and Victor; Olivia and John Jackopsic, and Lori Hastings – as well as many cousins. Finally, his furry friend Scruffy who brought him joy and comfort.

John was predeceased by his father Vytas, brother Vytas Jr. and niece Jennifer.

A special thank you to the oncology team at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and the palliative and hospice caregivers of Hartford Healthcare at Home. Services will be private for family members. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either of the aforementioned.

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Snyder, Elmer F.



Elmer F. "Mutz" Snyder, 90, of Enfield, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Kelly) Snyder, passed away 1 day short of his 91st birthday on Friday, October 15, 2021. Born in Kingston, PA on October 16, 1930, he was the son of the late Elmer G. and Frances (Elmy) Snyder. He grew up in Kingston, making many lifelong friendships. He attended Wilkes College where he was a member of the college basketball team. He served in the US Navy in a naval airship (blimp) squadron. He married Elizabeth Kelly in 1958 and they moved to Connecticut to raise a family. Elmer worked for Pratt & Whitney for over 30 years, retiring as a General Foreman. Elmer and Betty resided in their Enfield home since 1963, they were fortunate to have many great friends and neighbors over the years. They enjoyed their trips to visit family and friends as well as trips to Myrtle Beach, SC to escape the New England winters. He kept close ties with his Pennsylvania family and "Uncle Mutz" was always ready take off his finger or to pull a quarter out of your ear. He was a warm and generous man with a great sense of humor.

He was an avid golfer and fan of the New York Yankees and Giants. Elmer enthusiastically supported the UConn men's and women's basketball teams. He volunteered with the Connecticut Special Olympics and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Enfield. Elmer was fortunate to share his later years with his beloved companion, Shirley Lessard, who brought joy and love to his life. He would often say that the Lessards were like a second family to him. Besides his wife Betty who passed away in 2007, he was predeceased by his 7 siblings. He is survived by 4 children, Eric Snyder and his wife, Anne Malone Snyder, of Kennebunk, ME, Karen Zeiser of Shelton, Sharon Bergin and her husband, Scott, of Orlando, FL, Susan Bacola and her husband Joseph of Wellesley, MA; grandchildren, Michael Zeiser and wife Jenifer, John Zeiser and wife Kelly and Robert Zeiser; Elizabeth Bell and husband Bryan, Daniel Snyder and Olivia Snyder; Eric Bergin and Ryan Bergin; 1 great-grandson, Cameron Zeiser; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

His family will receive friends on Thursday, October 21st, from 4-6 PM at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday, October 22nd, at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church of Enfield, 41 Brainard Rd. Enfield. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Patrick King St. Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit [www.leetesteven.com](http://www.leetesteven.com).

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Unikewicz, David Norman



David Norman Unikewicz “Dave”, “Uke”, “Bro”, “Pops”, “Cabbage” passed peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021. David was born on March 24, 1944 to John Francis Unikewicz, Sr. and Genowefa A. Gut. David lived on Marlborough Street in the family home for much of his life. David loved living in Portland. It was often joked that David knew mostly everyone in town. He had a “Hey! How ya doin’?” for everyone! A few of the friends David could be found around town with are James Nursick, Timothy Barrett, and David Opuszynski. He was a proud member of the Portland Company 2 Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. In addition to the volunteer fire department, David was a member of the fire department’s drill team and traveled all over the east coast to march in various parades. David was also a member of the Company 2 softball team, where he was a pitcher. David retired from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in Middletown, where he worked in the materials department for 35 years. How did David enjoy his retirement? Very well, thank you! David was super active with all his hobbies. David was an avid New York Mets fan and could be found watching them whenever he could! David loved fishing and would almost never miss an opening day at Salmon River. He also enjoyed going out on the boat deep sea fishing with friends. Monday nights were cards nights at St. Francis Club (don’t call him then!), and Fridays were setback. Any days in between, you could find him playing horseshoes. First playing with the firehouse league, then at the campground league at Acorn Acres, and even in the Haddam/Killingworth leagues. Who did David play horseshoes and golf with? He played with longtime campground friends, Mark Bottion, Kevin Shields, and Jimmy Weeks. They were the best of friends. David spent 33 years at Acorn Acres campground with his family and friends. He could be found playing horseshoes, grilling good food, playing Tiger Woods Golf with his friends, and just being a general schmooze. David was the type of man who everyone loved and always stopped to talk to. David is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Elizabeth Unikewicz. He is also survived by his adoring daughter, Stacy Unikewicz Connor and son Kevin Stanley Unikewicz. David is also survived by his brother, Robert James Unikewicz, Sr. and sister, Mary Carol (Unikewicz) Opalacz. David was predeceased by his sister Jean Marie (Unikewicz) Henry, and his brothers Gerald Francis Unikewicz, John Joseph Unikewicz, and Stanley Richard Unikewicz. The funeral will be held on Friday, Oct 22 at 10AM in St. Mary Church, Portland. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main Street, Portland on Thursday, Oct 21 from 5-7PM. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland, on Thursday, Oct 28 at 11AM. Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)

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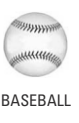









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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## Hospital cases up slightly in October

Positivity rate has remained roughly flat over past 3 weeks as state looks to move past delta outbreak

By Alex Putterman  
Hartford Courant

After declining throughout September, COVID-19 hospitalizations in Connecticut have increased slightly in October and now stand at their highest level in nearly three weeks, state numbers show.

Over the same time period,

COVID-19 cases and the positivity rate have remained roughly flat, as Connecticut looks to move past its recent delta variant outbreak.

Experts have warned of the possibility of a COVID-19 spike as the weather cools, though it's not yet clear whether this small increase in hospitalizations is the beginning of such a surge.

**Cases and positivity rate:** Connecticut on Monday reported 1,147 new COVID-19 cases out of 74,213 tests since Friday, for a positivity rate of 1.83%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 1.94%, down slightly from Friday but up from earlier last week.

As of Monday, New Haven, Windham and New London counties were experiencing "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion, while Connecticut's five other counties were experiencing "substantial" transmission.

According to state numbers, 78.6% of Connecticut residents who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week were not vaccinated.

**Hospitalizations:** Connecticut now has 247 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up 15 from Thursday and the most at a time since Sept. 29. After declining throughout late August and September,

hospitalizations have ticked up in recent weeks.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

**Deaths:** Connecticut reports coronavirus-linked deaths once a week. On Thursday, the state reported 40 COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,707.

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Gia Vincelett, left, was killed after being struck by a car while bicycling with a friend late at night on July 29 on Route 81 in Haddam. COURTESY

## Arrest made in hit-run crash that left girl dead

14-year-old was struck while riding bike along Route 81 this summer

By Daniela Altimari  
Hartford Courant

A 27-year-old man was arrested in connection with a crash that killed a 14-year-old girl over the summer.

Thomas Anthony Cretella of 5 Copley Road, Higganum, was arrested on a warrant Monday morning. He was charged with negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, evading responsibility and improper passing.

The fatal crash occurred just before 10:40 p.m. on July 29 on

Route 81. Police did not release the name of the teen victim, citing her age. But over the summer, her friends and family identified her as Gia Vincelett, from the Higganum section of town.

Gia and a 12-year-old friend were riding their bikes along Route 81 that night when she was struck from behind by a vehicle that left the scene, the police said.

The teen's friend flagged down a passing driver, who called 911 and tried to help by performing rescue breathing on the victim. She was taken by ambulance to

Connecticut Children's in Hartford, where she died of her injuries the following day.

State troopers who responded to the crash scene found Gia's bicycle, which had been broken into several pieces by the impact of the collision.

Gia's bicycling companion could only describe the car that struck her friend as a dark-colored sedan. But police were able to use debris at the scene to figure out that the vehicle was a Hyundai Santa Fe.

The day after the crash, police

said they received a call from Janessa Cretella, who told them she saw an email about the incident and said her step-son's car matched the description of the vehicle police were seeking.

When police questioned Thomas Cretella, he told them he had travelled to East Haven on the night of the crash. He said he had "used heroin before operating his vehicle to go home" to Copley Road, according to the arrest warrant released by state police.

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## Future unclear for bus service

Hit hard by pandemic, three express routes remain suspended

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

Three express bus routes to Hartford that experienced sharp declines in ridership during the coronavirus pandemic remain suspended more than a month after the state was unable to reach an agreement with its service provider.

Kafi B. Rouse, a spokesperson for the state Department of Transportation, which manages the bus service, said the CT transit bus routes are between park and ride locations around the state and Hartford. The bus service provider is New Britain-based DATTCO, the regional transportation company, known also for its school bus services.

The routes — the Middletown-Old Saybrook Express (921), the Bristol Express (923) and the Southington-Cheshire-Waterbury Express (928) were suspended on Sept. 4.

The state said it is open to continuing its discussions with DATTCO, Rouse said, but the DOT declined to comment on specifics.

Dennis Lyons, DATTCO's vice president of coach and tours, said the state had declined to negotiate an increase in the hourly rate the state pays to the transportation company, something that it had done for decades.

"It was a take it or leave it," Lyons said.

DATTCO could not reasonably operate the express routes under the existing rate, Lyons said.

Before COVID-19, the three express routes carried 400-500 a day, but those numbers dwindled to about 125 a day during the pandemic, Lyons said.

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## Hartford man charged with murder after fatal North End confrontation

March shooting took place in view of several city cameras, witnesses

By Zach Murdock  
Hartford Courant

A Hartford man who fatally shot another man during a heated confrontation in late March was finally arrested this month and charged with murder.

Ceshaun Outlaw, 41, is accused of killing 30-year-old Alton Veal the evening of March 27 in the intersection of Enfield and Capen streets in plain view of several city surveillance cameras and people inside the nearby businesses, new court records show.

Veal's slaying marked the first murder in what became a particularly violent spring with 15 murders in less than three months across the capital city, setting Hartford on a pace to record one of its most violent years in decades. As of this

week, the city has recorded 29 murders in 2021.

Police were first alerted to Veal's slaying by the city's ShotSpotter gunshot detection system, which recorded six shots at the intersection where he was shot. The first responding officers found Veal lying in the rear parking lot of the Mt. Bethel Church of God with a gunshot wound to his chest, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released last week.

Veal was rushed to Saint Francis Hospital but died just 45 minutes later.

Officers at the hospital spoke with Veal's brother, who told them Veal had been in a verbal argument with a man he knew only as "Shaun" and that he heard the gunshots but did not see them happen. He added the man named "Shaun" was with another man whom Veal's brother only by his nickname, which police later learned he has tattooed across his chest.

Investigators used their own records, Facebook accounts tied to both men and their own posted photos to identify "Shaun" as Outlaw and the second man. The second man was later arrested on separate charges but refused to cooperate with the investigation into Veal's death and ultimately was not charged in connection to it.

Back at the scene, officers found six shell casings and a yellow hooded sweatshirt covered in blood that Veal had been wearing and noted multiple city surveillance cameras connected to the department's Capital City Command Center that would have captured the events.

Taken together, the cameras showed Outlaw walking back and forth between a store near Capen and Enfield streets and the second man's last known address on Garden Street in the hour before the fatal confrontation.

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## Former Rockville High teacher, coach arrested

Allegedly took inappropriate photos of students

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

A former Rockville High School teacher and golf coach was arrested Monday on child pornography and voyeurism charges after police learned he had hundreds of inappropriate pictures of children — including up-skirt and buttocks shots he took of students in his social studies class, police said.

Christian Stevenson, 52, of Vernon was arrested and taken into custody on charges of importing child pornography; second-degree illegal possession of child pornography; four counts of voyeurism and four counts of voyeurism with a child under 16, they said. He also was charged with four counts of risk of injury to a minor and nine counts of disorderly conduct.

He is in custody on \$300,000 bail, police said Monday.

Joseph Macary, superintendent

of schools, said Stevenson was placed on administrative leave as soon as school officials learned about the investigation Sept. 15. He resigned the same day.

According to three arrest warrant affidavits, police were alerted in the summer by the state police that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children had received a tip about exploitive content being transmitted in emails from a person in Connecticut. Police reviewed 48 images of young girls who were going through, or about to go through, puberty and were either nude or partially nude. Some pictures showed girls in suggestive poses, while others showed a girl being made to perform a sexual act. Nine images qualified as child pornography under Connecticut state statutes.

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Before the pandemic, the three CT transit express routes carried 400 to 500 passengers a day, but those numbers dwindled to about 125 a day during the pandemic, according to DATTCO. **NORMAN W. GARRICK/COURTESY**

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The DOT said it could not predict when the express routes would resume. The DOT recommends these alternatives to the express routes:

- Bristol Express**  
■ Lake Ave. Park & Ride, Bristol (CTfastrak 102)  
■ Todd St. Park & Ride, Bristol

- (CTfastrak 102)  
■ Szczesny Municipal Parking Garage, 35 Bank St., New Britain (CTfastrak 101 & 102)

- Middletown-Old Saybrook Express**  
■ Bee St. Park & Ride, Meriden (CTtransit Express 919)  
■ Cromwell Park & Ride, Industrial Park Rd., Middletown (CTtransit Express 906 & 919)  
■ Country Club Rd Park & Ride, Middletown (CTtransit Express 919)

- Southington-Cheshire-Waterbury**  
■ Bee St. Park & Ride, Meriden (CTtransit Express 919)  
■ Szczesny Municipal Parking Garage, 35 Bank St., New Britain (CTfastrak 101 & 102)  
■ Corbins Park & Ride, Village Square Rd., New Britain (CTfastrak 121)

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As has been the case throughout the pandemic, older residents and those with underlying health issues remain most likely to die of COVID-19. The United States has now recorded 725,330 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

**Vaccinations:** As of Monday, 77.8% of all Connecticut residents and 89.2% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 69.9% of all residents and 80.3% of those 12

and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.  
As of Oct. 13, vaccine providers in Connecticut had administered about 109,949 third doses, according to the Department of Public Health. About 3.1% of residents have received a third dose.  
COVID-19 booster shots are currently available for recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine more than six months removed from their second dose who are 65 or older, have health conditions that leave them vulnerable to COVID-19 or work jobs that leave them at high risk.  
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Teacher

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Investigators linked the images to Stevenson, who they learned was a longtime teacher at Rockville High School. He also coached varsity golf, the warrants said.  
Some images were blatantly sexual and showed a girl being sexually abused. They originated in Moldova in eastern Europe and are from 2011, police learned. But investigators also came across many inappropriate pictures that were taken more recently — including hundreds that appeared to have been taken inside the high school, the warrants said.  
After meeting with school officials, police were able to recognize two of the students who were the subject of inappropriate pictures, some taken in Stevenson’s classroom, they said.  
Stevenson used his cellphone

to take some photos up one of the students’ skirt, while focusing on her buttocks in others, one warrant said. The student, who was 15 at the time, had no idea the pictures were being taken.  
When police interviewed the girl, she became “extremely distraught,” it said. She said she was devastated because she respected Stevenson so much.  
Another warrant said Stevenson also took pictures of the buttocks of a girl wearing shorts. The girl, who was 17 at the time the pictures were taken, said she “still owned the shorts she was wearing in the photographs and now felt the need to burn them.”  
Police continue to investigate the case and ask that anyone with information call Vernon Police Detective Thomas Van Tassel at 860-872-9126.  
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Veal’s brother can be seen on video standing outside one of the stores in that area eating food and using his phone when Outlaw walked by the store, according to detectives’ account of the footage. Veal’s brother then entered the store and Veal himself emerged moments later, throwing his food on the ground and hurriedly walking up to Outlaw and the second man now standing in the intersection.  
The cameras show Veal punched the second man first before Outlaw drew a firearm and fired on Veal multiple times, according to the affidavit. The second man fled in his nearby car while Outlaw walks back toward the Garden Street home — directly past Veal’s brother.  
According to the affidavit, inves-

tigators contacted Veal’s brother several times again the day after the shooting, but he continued to tell detectives he did not see the incident and refused to watch the security camera footage.  
Instead, a witness from a nearby business — not named in court documents “for fear of reprisal” — picked Outlaw out of a photo array and told police he was “100 percent certain” of the identity.  
Detectives secured an arrest warrant for Outlaw on April 1, just five days after the murder, but were unable to locate him until this month when he was arrested Oct. 8.  
Outlaw remains in custody in lieu of a \$1 million bond and is scheduled to appear before a judge for an arraignment in the Hartford Judicial District later this month.  
With the charges against Cessaun Outlaw and last week’s arrest of Mark Outlaw on accessory to murder charge in the

**A witness from a nearby business — not named in court documents “for fear of reprisal” — picked Outlaw out of a photo array and told police he was “100 percent certain” of the identity.**

August slaying of 25-year-old Zayon Collier, detectives have now filed charges in half of this year’s homicides, plus several additional arrests in connection with 2020 homicides.  
Veal’s murder was the first of an unusually violent spring that included the killings of 3-year-old Randell Jones and 16-year-old Ja’Mari Preston in the same afternoon and later the slayings

of 19-year-old Makhi Buckley, the grandson of lifelong violence prevention worker Carl Hardrick, and 56-year-old Sylvia Cordova, an innocent bystander killed when AK-47 bullets ripped through her home while she cooked dinner.  
The increase in homicides in Hartford this year tracks with increases seen in communities large and small across the country since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Hartford is on pace to surpass the 32 murders recorded in all of 2015 before the end of the year. That could make 2021 the third deadliest year in decades, behind the 55 murders recorded in 1994 at the height of the city’s gang wars and the 44 murders recorded in 2003, when an arson at the Greenwood Health Center killed 16 in a single night.  
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“Cretella explained that he did not remember much of the drive home and did not remember if he was involved in a motor vehicle collision,” the warrant states.  
In a subsequent interview with police, Cretella said he had been having “a hard time readjusting to civilian life after recently ending his five-year active duty career with the United States Marine Corps,” the warrant states.  
“Cretella explained that he had been feeling depressed resulting [in] him consuming more alcoholic beverages, experimenting with heroin and that he had a bad night.”  
Gia, who would have started her freshman year at Haddam-Killingworth High School, was remembered as a spirited child with a passion for soccer and an infectious laugh.

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CONNECTICUT

New Britain to see \$90M in sewer upgrades

City's 20-year plan to repair and replace old pipes aimed at holding down costs, preventing backups

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

Dozens of New Britain streets will be getting dug up in the coming years as the city takes on its biggest public works initiative in decades: A \$90 million upgrade of old and cracked sewer pipes.

"It's not something sexy, it's not something you hear people talk about, but it's a necessity — this is about public health," Mayor Erin Stewart said.

Roughly 40% of New Britain's sanitary sewer lines are more than 75 years old, and Stewart warned that residents will face rising costs — and the risk of occasional pipe collapses — without a schedule for annual repairs and replacements.

Several years ago, inspectors using remote cameras found dozens of miles of sewer line cracking or — in the worst cases — invaded by massive tree roots. Stewart's "NB Flush" program will address most of the city's sewer

network by the late 2030s, starting with the most damaged parts of the system.

Ultimately, that will cost an estimated \$90 million over 20 years, but Stewart emphasized that the work will be phased in gradually.

"We have to figure out funding and finances. Even if we had \$90 million set aside to do it tomorrow, it would still take 7 to 10 years because this work is slow," she said.

Deterioration is not uncommon with pipes that have been underground since World War II or earlier, but it has become a costly addition to the city's wastewater treatment bills. Cracks and small holes in sewer lines allow water into the system, sometimes adding significant pressure to the system.

Sewers in New Britain, Cromwell, Berlin and Middletown all lead to the Mattabassett District's treatment plant in Cromwell, with each community billed by volume. The more clear water that gets into the lines, the more a community



Tree roots grow through one of New Britain's roughly 100-year-old sewer pipes. The city used special camera equipment to inspect miles of sewers to help prioritize the replacement schedule. CITY OF NEW BRITAIN/COURTESY

pays.

The city recently completed about \$3.2 million of work in the neighborhoods surrounding Batterson Park and Belden Street, and has had a 41% reduction in clear water infiltration.

"Taxpayers are going to see the results years from now when our costs for sewage treatment won't be going up," she said.

That work is now considered the

first phase of the \$90 million project. Another \$2.1 million is targeted for the Stanwood Drive neighborhood on the city's western edge; work is to begin in November and take approximately a year.

The next phase is planned for the East Side, with an estimated cost of \$8.5 million. That means the fourth and fifth phases will be vastly larger and could run as long as 15 years.

"Some of our system is 100 years

old. Naturally that means tree roots have grown into it, ground water is seeping in all over the place," Stewart said. "We've been kind of patching things, but now we've gone through the entire system with cameras to figure out where the most infiltration is happening."

Water Superintendent Ray Esponda is overseeing contractors that are doing the construction, which involves digging up sections of streets and either entirely replacing the pipe or relining it.

Esponda is advising homeowners to be aware that they may be asked to authorize a remote camera inspection of their service lines; it is a free service, and will let them know if they are facing repairs in the near future.

New Britain will be seeking grants and federal aid to help with the expense ahead.

"This isn't a project that anybody is chomping at the bit to do — people can't see it," Stewart said. "But it has a big impact on quality of life for residents. When you flush the toilet, God forbid it doesn't work properly — people would be very upset."

ELECTION 2021 MAYOR'S RACE

Economy, public safety top priorities

Ex-finance director and former pastor vying for top job in East Hartford

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — The race for East Hartford mayor pits the town's former finance director against a former pastor.

In questionnaires returned Monday, both Democrat Michael P. Walsh and Republican Matt Harper cited economic development and public safety as priorities.

Walsh, 58, announced his candidacy after current Mayor Marcia Leclerc said in February that she would not run for reelection after a decade in office. Walsh said he had been encouraged to run "by a large and growing coalition of residents, businesses, employees, retirees and vendors."

Harper, 43, said in announcing his candidacy that he could not sit

on the sidelines and watch the steady deterioration of the town he loves. Last year, he entered a state race against incumbent Rep. Jeff Currey, D-East Hartford, and lost in a landslide. Harper said he decided to enter that race as part of a growing desire to serve that started 10 years ago when he earned a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in health services from Walden University.

Harper, the former pastor of a South Windsor church, now works as a safety consultant for small businesses and town governments throughout New England. Harper founded a community sports program and has volunteered and coordinated donations for soup kitchens, homeless shelters and crisis pregnancy centers. He is married with three adult



Harper



Walsh

children.

Harper's top three issues to tackle if elected, in his words, are:

■ Foster economic development with creative solutions, dedicated to bringing together small businesses, town hall and our residents.

■ Strengthen public safety with better equipment and training for our heroic emergency responders.

■ Incorporate "all-around communications" at town hall, in the community and with our public partners, making our government transparent and accessible to everyone in East Hartford.

Walsh was East Hartford's finance director for 23 years and now works for the state Office of Policy and Management as undersecretary of strategic initiatives and accountability. The former town council member and local

basketball and soccer coach is a married father of two adult children.

Walsh's top three issues, in his words, are:

■ As a community that lags behind the state benchmarks on vaccinations, continue to respond and recover from Covid-19 using CARES Act and American Rescue Plan funding to address vaccination hesitancy and encourage a local economic rebound.

■ While delivering on equity, encourage local economic growth with a focus on townwide broadband installation, with development priorities at the Showcase Cinema site, along Silver Lane and at Founders Plaza in order to grow the grand list and stabilize taxes while providing seniors who own their own homes a tax cut.

■ Address the rising crime statistics by adopting multitown coordination to address juvenile crime.

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Police say four stores hit in failed ATM heists

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

A group of thieves broke into four East Hartford stores overnight in a failed attempt to steal ATM cash, police said Monday.

The four thieves weren't able to get any money from the machines, most of which had been emptied before the stores closed for the night, they said. All they got is about \$100 from the cash registers.

Police said they are looking for the thieves' getaway car, a gray Hyundai Sonata. They didn't have a detailed description of the thieves early Monday.

The four thieves worked fast, breaking into the stores within about 20 minutes, Lt. John Dupont said. All of the stores were on Main Street.

The first store hit was Express Mini Market, 114 Main St., at the corner of Maple Street, he said. Then they moved north to Xpress Fuel, the former Hess station, at 530 Main St.

Next was Riverside Pharmacy at 926 Main. Police didn't know what was missing from that store as of early Monday because they were not able to reach the owner, Dupont said.

Finally, the thieves struck at N.Y. Miro Mart, 1515 Main St., near Prospect Street, he said.

The thieves used a crowbar to break in, Dupont said.

Anyone with information that may help investigators may call East Hartford police at 860-528-4401 or the crime tip line at 860-289-9134.

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Montville coach on leave amid DCF probe

By Seamus McAvoy  
Hartford Courant

Montville High School head football coach and teacher Tanner Grove has been put on paid leave amid an investigation by the state police and the Department of Children and Families.

Vanessa Dorantes, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, wrote in a statement that the department "is conducting a joint investigation with law enforcement into allegations made against an employee at Montville High School."

Details of the investigation were not made public. Further information, including who made the report, was unavailable due to the pending investigation, Dorantes said.

Montville Public Schools Superintendent Laurie Pallin did not respond to the Courant's request for comment but has confirmed with several other news outlets that Grove was placed on paid leave last week.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety and social and emotional well-being of our school community," Pallin wrote in those statements.

Sgt. Albert Gosselin, Montville's resident state trooper, confirmed that an alleged complaint was made against Grove with state police.

That complaint was reported on Oct. 14, a Public Information Office spokesperson said.

The spokesperson confirmed that Grove is currently under investigation.

Grove's mother, Tina Grove, is a U.S. Navy veteran running as a Republican for a seat on Montville's Board of Education.

Tanner Grove could not be reached for comment.

Students at Montville High are planning a protest walkout on Thursday over this episode.

Lamont, Amazon partner to fill next-generation tech jobs

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN — The state unveiled a new partnership with Amazon on Monday to help train more than 2,000 badly needed workers for computer and cloud jobs for high-tech companies like Infosys.

Classes will be held at four community colleges to start this fall, and then the program will then expand to all 12 community colleges statewide. About 40,000 cloud jobs have been advertised in Connecticut over the past year, and many are going unfilled at the moment, said Gov. Ned Lamont. The jobs can pay more than \$100,000 per year.

The partnership of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the state's Office of Workforce Strategy, and Amazon Web Services, known as AWS, is designed to train workers through a curriculum designed by Amazon.

"We have tens of thousands of jobs out there - many in the cloud-based, IT, coding world — that we're having a hard time filling," Lamont said while unveiling the program at Gateway Community

College in New Haven. "I, as the governor, want to do everything I can to make sure that every business in this state knows they can grow and expand with a well-trained workforce right here in the state of Connecticut."

Lamont added, "I can virtually guarantee you that if you get this AWS certification, you're going to have a job. Infosys is standing right by. Amazon Web Services has dozens of major customers right here in the state and all over the region - all looking for people with just this certification."

The classes will cost \$795 for five to seven weeks of instruction, but financial aid is available for those with need. Lamont said that he would seek to provide day care — using federal funds — for workers with children who need to go back to school to obtain additional skills.

"We're one of the first states in the country to do this collaboration," Lamont told reporters in New Haven.

Classes will be held at four community colleges to start this fall, including Manchester, Three Rivers in Norwich and Asnuntuck in Enfield. The program will then expand to all 12 community

colleges statewide.

"We know that a workforce rich in tech talent is one of the keys to Connecticut's future economic success," Lamont said. "This initiative is an important step toward ensuring our residents are prepared for high-tech, 21st century jobs, and that our employers have access to the skilled employees necessary to compete and thrive."

Besides computer coding, the jobs in demand involve software development, computer systems support, and cloud architecture.

Josh Geballe, the state's chief operating officer, said he was running a small, software start-up company in 2007 that used Amazon Web Services. At the time, he said, very few people had ever heard of it. But the company has pioneered the market and has grown ever since.

"We're proud to be a pillar of the state's effort to nurture tech talent," said Terrence Cheng, president of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. "Skilled, high-tech careers are Connecticut's future."

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Wrong-way crashes leave 1 dead, 1 DUI

By Zach Murdock  
Hartford Courant

Wrong-way drivers caused two crashes on major Connecticut interstates this weekend, killing one wrong-way driver in a head-on collision and sending the other to jail on driving under the influence charges.

Cynthia Teran, 39, of Waterbury, died early Sunday morning when she crashed head-on with a pickup truck while driving the wrong way in the center lane of southbound Interstate 95 in Stamford, state police said.

Teran was pronounced dead at the scene just after 2:30 a.m. Sunday and the two men in the

truck were transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

That crash remained under investigation later Sunday and police have asked anyone with information about the incident to contact the state police Troop G barracks at 203-696-2500.

A few hours earlier, a 55-year-old Wallingford man was arrested after driving the wrong way in the southbound lanes of Interstate 91 for several miles between North Haven and Wallingford, state police said.

The man struck two other cars and another swerved into a guard rail to avoid his vehicle, but the man continued driving until he was stopped by troopers between

Exits 14 and 15 in Wallingford, according to a police report. No one in the other cars were injured, including 2- and 3-year-old children strapped into car seats in the first car the man struck.

Troopers concluded the wrong-way driver was driving under the influence and he was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital for evaluation before he was arrested, state police said.

The man was charged with DUI, evading responsibility, failure to maintain a lane and driving the wrong way, police said. He was released on \$2,500 bond and is scheduled to appear at the end of the month in Superior Court in Meriden.

2 injured in Speedbowl race wreck

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

At least two people were injured in a high-speed crash during a race at the New London-Waterford Speedbowl Sunday night.

Police said the driver was fine, but two people watching the race were taken to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries. Both had been standing in the back of the track, near the pits, where people associated with the drivers usually watch the races.

The fence, which is new, was damaged in the wreck, Lt. Nicole VanOverloop said.

Shawn Courchesne of Race-DayCT tweeted a video of the crash. It shows the car on two wheels, hitting the fence and spinning out of control as it spit flames. Spectators scrambled out of the way.

VanOverloop said the crash ended the race. It would have been too dangerous to continue with a gap in the fence, she said.

Racetrack operators didn't get into details about the crash on Facebook, but said, "We're happy to report everyone involved in tonight's incident will be okay."

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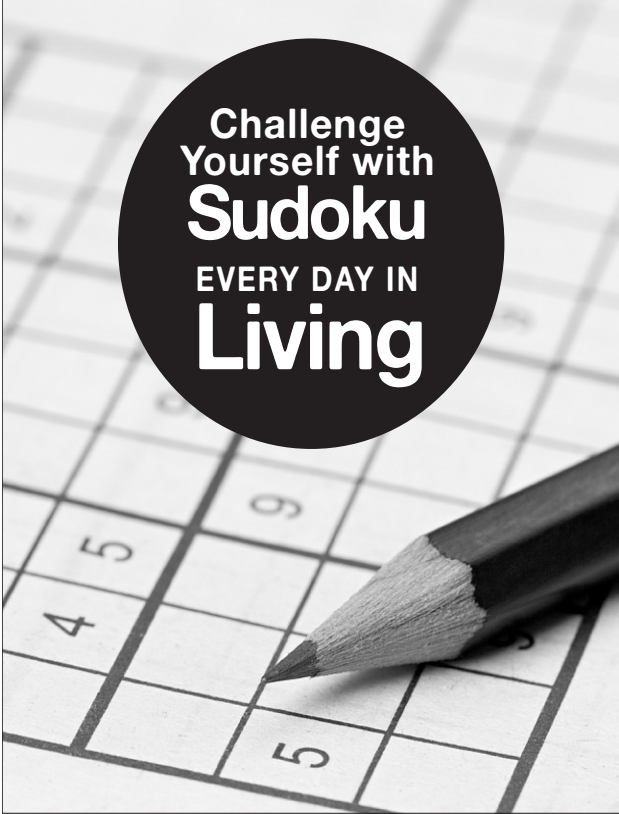
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# Krieeps felt invisible connection with director

In Hansen-Love's new film, life and art blend for actor

By Lindsey Bahr  
Associated Press

Vicky Krieeps was not Mia Hansen-Love's first choice to star in "Bergman Island." She wasn't the second, third or 12th choice either because the role of Chris, a filmmaker who goes on a writing retreat to Faro with her filmmaker husband, already belonged to Greta Gerwig.

But just a few months before filming, Gerwig was told if she wanted to direct "Little Women" it had to happen then. That's where Krieeps enters the picture.

Like the rest of the world, Hansen-Love had fallen for her in "Phantom Thread." And she liked that the actor would add a European flair to the character. Krieeps wanted it, too, although it would be complicated — everything is with two children involved.

"The minute I read the email, I knew, 'I'm going to make this movie, but now I'm going to have to tell everyone else, and they're not going to be OK with it.' And they weren't," Krieeps, 38, said. "I had just planned my year, and it's never easy to negotiate when I can work. For a woman to work, it's always negotiation."

And there was a big catch: The actor who was playing Chris' husband, Tony, had also left, and they had yet to find a replacement. So Krieeps was going to have to uproot her family and go to an island in the Baltic Sea with very little notice to film a project that is at least partially about a marriage without knowing who her husband is.



Vicky Krieeps and Tim Roth in "Bergman Island," Mia Hansen-Love's film about a filmmaker who goes on a writing retreat with her filmmaker husband. IFC FILMS

"It's not so easy to find a man to play just the husband," she said. "It sounds crazy, but it's true."

Eventually Tim Roth joined as Tony.

It's not the kind of story that's usually told when people are talking about how films get made, when everyone insists that so-and-so was the first and only choice and that everything went according to plan.

And yet it's the truth, and however messy and complicated it might be, it also produced something transcendent that feels like it was always meant to be.

Despite all the reasons not to do it, the pull to "Bergman Island" was strong. And it had very little to do with Ingmar

Bergman or his films. In Chris, Krieeps saw herself — a woman who was a mother, an artist and a lover, but didn't know what order those identities should take, especially in contrast to a more successful husband.

"It's really a question of, 'Who am I as a woman in my life?'" Krieeps said. "It's the story of a woman accepting her way and accepting, that, 'Well, I don't have a technique.'"

Over the course of the film, which recently opened in theaters, realities start to blur and the audience is transported into Chris' imagination as she tells Tony about an idea for a film: A woman (Mia Wasikowska) who goes to a wedding on Bergman

Island and reconnects with an ex (Anders Danielsen Lie).

Like all Hansen-Love films, the story shares some similarities with the director's personal life. She had a relationship and a child with French filmmaker Olivier Assayas.

"(Mia) said, 'As you might know, my movies are always kind of autobiographical, but not really. It's drawn from my life, but it's not really my life. If you want to know, you can ask,'" Krieeps said. "But I don't feel the need to know, so I didn't ask. I always knew it was kind of being her in a way. But we never talked about it."

They just trusted one another. Krieeps felt like there was an invisible

connection that they shared, both knowing how difficult it is to remain creative and productive while also caring for children.

"Sometimes you hear interviews by actors, like 'then I prepared for this role, you know, and I lost so many pounds for one year.' Yeah, well, if I had someone looking after my kids, I would love to prepare like that. I can never prepare like that because it's always on and off," she said in a hushed voice so as not to awaken her kids sleeping a wall away. "But I think that gives us women a different kind of strength which can lead us into different realms or different imaginations."

Krieeps has not settled on

an answer of what aspect of her life should be the dominating force, by the way, but she's OK with that. Chris helped her get there.

"The most daring and courageous thing is to let go and to leap into the unknown. Like I did in this movie without knowing who my husband is, without knowing who my other lead actor is," she said. "Even in my private life, I have found that this is the only way. Every morning, it's a leap into the unknown. And I do think that inside of this great insecurity of not knowing, there's peace to be found in letting go."

And despite her worries, her kids ended up having a terrific time on holiday in Faro while she worked. The experience also allowed her to take stock of the attention that was thrust upon her after "Phantom Thread."

"I wasn't suddenly picturing myself being this actress in Hollywood. I did much of the opposite. I kind of went away from Hollywood. My life had changed in a way. I wasn't who I was before, but then I wasn't someone new either, and I wasn't going to move to LA, so who was I then? It was a very strange place to be. It took me really two years to process it," she said.

"I think making 'Bergman Island' really helped me because I had this landscape, this place I could come back to. I could meditate on all these questions ... I think the images of the movie are so good because it's transcending from a reality to reality, back to your reality. I think that's what happened with 'Phantom Thread.' I had to get lost in some kind of weird space and then get back."

## CELEBRITIES

### Kourtney Kardashian, Barker engaged

From news services

A day at the beach turned into a proposal for Kourtney Kardashian, who is now engaged to Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker.

Kardashian posted two photos on Instagram of the proposal with the caption "forever." A representative for the reality star and businesswoman confirmed Sunday that the couple are engaged. The images showed an elaborate floral arrangement and candles on the beach.

People magazine and celebrity website TMZ reported Barker arranged the proposal at a beach in Montecito, California.

It will be Kardashian's first marriage. She has three children with ex-boyfriend Scott Disick. It will be Barker's third marriage.

The pair have been dating for several months, showing their affection for each other at public events as well as on Kardashian's Instagram page.



Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker, who are seen Sept. 12, got engaged on a California beach. JASON KEMPIN/GETTY

second film with the great @octaviaspencer."

**Bryan to host CMAs:** Country music star Luke Bryan has taken home the top prize at the CMA Awards, but he'll step into a larger role when he hosts the awards show.

The Country Music Association and ABC announced Monday that the "American Idol" judge will host the show when it airs from Nashville, Tennessee, on Nov. 10. The singer has twice won CMA entertainer of the year and is nominated this year along with Jordan Davis for musical event of the year. Bryan has previously co-hosted the Academy of Country Music Awards.

**Actor Lynn dies:** Betty Lynn, the film and television actor who was best known for her role as Barney Fife's sweetheart Thelma Lou on "The Andy Griffith Show," has died.

She was 95.

Lynn died Saturday after a brief illness, The Andy Griffith Museum in North Carolina, announced.

Lynn appeared as Thelma Lou on the show from 1961 until 1966. She reprised her role in the made-for-TV movie "Return to Mayberry."

Director and actor Ron Howard, who played Sheriff Andy Taylor's son, Opie, paid tribute to Lynn in a tweet Sunday saying she "brightened every scene she was in & every shooting day she was on set."

**Oct. 19 birthdays:** Actor Tony Lo Bianco is 85. Actor Michael Gambon is 81. Actor John Lithgow is 76. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 76. Actress Jennifer Holliday is 61. Actor Jon Favreau is 55. Director Trey Parker is 52. Comedian Chris Kattan is 51. Singer Pras Michel is 49. Director Jason Reitman is 44. Actor Gillian Jacobs is 39.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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### Needy mom's feelings must take a back seat

**Dear Amy:** My 57-year-old husband has stage 4 terminal pancreatic cancer.

My focus is on my husband and our two grown sons. Then there is my narcissistic, manipulative mother.

She's been my focus for several years because of many health issues.

Her health is currently stable, and she's not getting the attention she's used to.

She calls several times a day and is always crying and needing comfort.

She wants to have weekend get-togethers — every weekend — and gets mad when that doesn't happen.

I've told her that this isn't about her, and my husband isn't up to daylong gatherings. How do I make her understand that for the time being, we are only doing what he needs and wants?

How can I make her understand that her "needing" to have weekend family gatherings isn't what's best for him, and her "needing" constant comforting isn't what my boys and I need?

— *Struggling*

**Dear Struggling:** You could assume that your mother already empirically understands that your husband's needs must outweigh her own at this point. But if she has always been narcissistic and manipulative, your husband's heartbreaking illness might cause her to simply up the ante, in terms of needing to catch your attention.

You might do better if you shift your own focus away from trying to persuade her to become less selfish and more reasonable.

This is a heavy lift during

a heavy time, but this might be the moment where you simply decide to let your mother have and handle her own feelings. You've been concerned about her and compensating for her for a long time. You'll have to try to switch gears.

Find a way to say: "I hope you can figure out a way to handle your feelings. I can't do that for you."

**Dear Amy:** I recently reconnected with an old flame from nine years ago.

We talked for a few weeks, and then she asked (in her words) when I would "grace her with my presence."

I had plans for the following two weekends. I told her I could come to see her on the third weekend. She said that was too long to wait, and so I changed my own plans to see her sooner.

The day of the planned meeting, she was supposed to text me a time and place to meet.

I texted her at noon asking about plans. She was getting her hair cut.

The day went by and I never heard from her until 11:30 that night, when she texted me, asking what I was up to. I didn't respond. We haven't communicated since.

I don't understand what the point was of going through all of that if she didn't want to meet up — when it was her idea in the first place!

— *I Don't Get It*

**Dear I Don't Get It:** I assume that this episode might have led you to recall why you and this woman broke up all those years ago.

Some people like to play games. Some people are mind-numbingly inconsiderate.

Regardless of this woman's motivations, you now have all the information you need.

Yours is not to reason why,

Yours is not to call, or text.

Yours is not to sit and cry,

Yours is just to say — "... next!"

**Dear Amy:** Like "Old Veteran," I also served (Navy) during Vietnam, and after discharge, I also hid my military service.

I was shocked when somebody actually expressed appreciation for my service.

What made the difference was my discovery of a group on Facebook, The Fallen Outdoors — many thousands of proud veterans of all ages who love to hunt, fish and be outdoors — and who are eager to welcome and help each other at any time.

Now I am proud to be among the tiny minority of American citizens who have served in the military.

Yes, the "thank you for your service" makes me a bit uncomfortable, but I graciously accept the comment in honor of all our brothers and sisters who did not make it home, or did come home damaged in body, mind and soul.

— *Old Vet, Now Proud*

**Dear Proud:** Beautiful.

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# Film ‘Jesus Music’ traces birth of a movement

Co-director left with profound respect for Calvary musicians

By Randall Roberts  
Los Angeles Times

The birth of contemporary Christian rock and pop music in America can in part be traced to a vision received by Lonnie Frisbee, a 17-year-old runaway. After stripping naked and taking LSD in 1967 near Tahquitz Falls outside of Palm Springs, California, the young man called to God. Frisbee saw himself standing beside the Pacific Ocean, Bible in hand, staring out at the horizon. But instead of water, the sea was filled with lost souls crying out for salvation. This lesser-known chapter in music history provides the genesis of “The Jesus Music,” a new documentary that traces the contemporary Christian music movement birthed at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California, and similar pockets of divinity dotting the nation. Within a year of that vision, Frisbee was converting hippies alongside a preacher named Chuck Smith and transforming Calvary Chapel into a haven for touched-by-the-spirit bands such as Love Song, Gentle Faith, Blessed Hope and Children of the Day. “We were models for how you could use drums and guitars in church and still have it be godly,” says Love Song co-founder Chuck Girard. Directed by the Nashville, Tennessee-based Erwin brothers, “The Jesus Music” examines how the spirit of the times, a rush of faith-filled creativity and the emergent ‘Jesus People’ movement begat a multimillion-dollar industry fueled by devotees eager to support their blessed messengers. The documentary, now



Amy Grant is featured in the Erwin brothers’ film “The Jesus Music.” JASON KEMPIN/GETTY 2019

in theaters, includes interviews with Girard and his Love Song bandmate Tommy Coomes; contemporary Christian stars Amy Grant, Kirk Franklin, Toby Mac of DC Talk, Lecrae and Michael W. Smith; and volumes of archival footage. “There’s just something so pure about where it all started,” says co-director Jon Erwin. “There wasn’t really an industry or an agenda behind it. Just a bunch of hippie kids that experienced something and gathered in masses to sing their songs.” Though “The Jesus Music” moves far beyond Costa Mesa to tackle issues of race, morality, sin and redemption, its opening canto beams light on a long-gone music community 50 miles south of Laurel Canyon. There, during the same period Joni Mitchell,

James Taylor, Frank Zappa and the Byrds were becoming famous, a half-dozen Calvary Chapel bands united in 1971 to create “The Everlastin’ Living Jesus Music Concert.” Released on Chuck Smith’s new Maranatha! Music label and costing about \$4,000 to produce, the album went on to sell more than 200,000 copies. Fifty years later, “The Everlastin’ Living Jesus Music Concert” is considered the Big Bang of contemporary Christian music — a collection of folk-inspired soft rock that, as it eased its way onto youth-group turntables across the country, cast a spell over Jesus-loving, mostly white baby boomers amid a generational shift. “When I first heard that Maranatha record, I couldn’t get enough of it,” Christian singer Michael W. Smith says in “The

Jesus Music.” “This thing called Jesus Music,’ which exploded in Southern California, somehow found its way (to) my hometown, and it changed my life.” Girard and a few musician friends formed Love Song in 1969 as a way to address life’s big questions. As the clique “started to land on the Bible more than anything,” Girard and his bandmates made the trip to bear witness with Frisbee. Not long after, Girard started production with an engineer at a local studio on the songs that became “The Everlastin’ Living Jesus Music Concert.” Within two years, Love Song would play as part of the Billy Graham-co-signed Explo ’72 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas before an estimated 75,000 people. At the time, the New York Times declared it “the largest religious camp meeting

ever to take place in the United States.” Those vivid scenes drew the Erwin brothers to the story of Calvary Chapel’s role in Christian music history, says co-director Andrew Erwin. He cites the famous Time magazine cover from 1971, emblazoned with the words “The Jesus Revolution,” as an early window into the Jesus People movement and music. “It blew me away in this all-roads-lead-to-Rome way. So much came out of that movement and out of Calvary Chapel, including Christian music.” Six-time Grammy Award-winning singer Grant first heard “The Everlastin’ Living Jesus Music Concert” as a preteen at some friends’ house in Nashville. “We would just sit in front of their turntable,” Grant said. Soon she was part of the youth group and dabbling in music. “I wrote my first song because I was like, ‘God has a real PR problem in the conservative world because people think it’s a cultural choice instead of this adventure.’” It was a distinctly different music from the Black gospel sound born in Southern Baptist churches, which laid the foot-stomping foundation for early rock ‘n’ roll. Christian rock and pop artists of the ’70s, including Girard, Grant, Larry Norman, Phil Keaggy, the All Saved Freak Band and Mustard Seed Faith, liked to say that, since rock ‘n’ roll was born in the church, they were merely facilitating its return. The charismatic, enigmatic rock singer and songwriter Norman, who spent the late 1960s canvassing Hollywood Boulevard for converts, signed with Capitol Records to release 1969’s “Upon This Rock,” regarded as the first Christian rock album. “Upon This Rock,” though, tanked, and Capitol dropped him. Calvary bands Love

Song, Gentle Faith and Children of the Day had little concern for Capitol-sized sales numbers and didn’t yet have the connections to make a play for the mainstream. But Larry Eskridge, author of “God’s Forever Family: The Jesus People Movement in America,” says that grassroots structures were developing to support the emerging Jesus People movement. “Maranatha put together their own little distribution networks, selling albums out of the back of vans and eventually going to mail order and linking up with rudimentary religious-music distributors and labels,” he said. A second compilation, “Maranatha! 2,” was released a year later, in 1972, and soon the mainstream came calling. Rolling Stone flew photographer Annie Leibovitz to take photos for a feature. Life magazine gave the movement a cover story. For Grant, holding the album “The Everlastin’ Living Jesus Music Concert” during her interviews for “The Jesus Music” offered an electrifying blast back in time. “It was everything coming out of the Maranatha community. And in my mind, it was everything coming out of Southern California. It was Love Song. It was Chuck Girard. It was Second Chapter of Acts. It was that whole scene.” Director Jon Erwin says that he wrapped the project with a profound respect for the Calvary musicians, whom he called “people who didn’t hear anything that sounded like them and fought really hard to have their voices represented. To me, that’s incredibly rebellious and incredibly romantic.” He adds, “Any underrepresented audience that’s trying to find their voice in mainstream culture through art can relate to that struggle.”

## TV Q&A

### Song missing from best Bond list

By Rich Heldenfels  
Tribune News Service

**Q: I saw a list of the best songs in James Bond movies, and there was no mention of the best Bond song ever, “We Have All the Time in the World”! I forgot the name of the movie, but I’m pretty sure that Bond gets married, his wife gets killed and his last words to her are, “We had all the time in the world.” Please tell me the name of that Bond movie.**  
A: That is in “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service,” the lone Bond film to star George Lazenby as 007 (with Diana Rigg as his doomed wife). At the end, holding his dead bride, Bond tells an inquiring officer, “It’s quite all right, really. She’s having a rest. ... There’s no hurry, you see. We have all the time in the world.” Both the film and the song, performed by Louis Armstrong, have resonated with many Bond fans. “We Have All the Time in the World” comes up in the latest Bond film, “No Time to Die,” which is also Daniel Craig’s last appearance as Bond — and has Craig saying, “We have all the time in the world.” As film historian Jon Burlingame wrote in Variety, “The melody is heard in Hans Zimmer’s ‘No Time to Die’ underscore right after Craig says the line in the pre-credits sequence. It returns in another, moving scene, near the end of the film — and the full, original Armstrong vocal then plays under the film’s end credits.”  
**Q: I’ve noticed that since “Law & Order: Organized Crime” came on, the voice that states the introduction sounds the same as the one in “Law & Order: SVU.” I’m curious whether it’s the same man introducing it.**  
A: Actor Steven Zir-



Actors George Lazenby and Diana Rigg during takes of the film “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service.” BOB DEAR/AP 1969

kilton is the voice on both shows; in fact, he has been the narrative voice for the various “Law & Order” series since the original in 1990. With a resume including radio, TV news and politics as well as commercials and other voice work, he once told the University of Maine’s student newspaper that he first worked on the “Law & Order” pilot as an actor. “I played an on-camera detective in the pilot episode, and then I got a call from a big-time producer who said he had something he wanted me to record. I had no idea what it would be, and he stood next to me as it was read, and he told me how he wanted it done. And that was that,” he said.  
**Q: Apparently “Jeopardy!” feels that a long-running contestant increases viewership. However, myself and a number of my friends have stopped watching. It is now boring, and I really feel sorry for all those people who waited months or years to be a contestant only to know**

**they haven’t got a chance. How about setting a number of appearances instead of letting a person go on and on and on?**  
A: This letter came in while Matt Amodio was rolling on “Jeopardy!” As you now know, Amodio’s streak ended after 38 matches and more than \$1.5 million in winnings. As devastating as it could be for some of his competitors, Amodio’s run had this occasional viewer tuning in more often, if only to see if he could be beaten. The show used to limit how many days a contestant could win — to just five — and, even before Amodio, some fans have called for a return of a limit. But it hardly seems fair to strong contestants to usher them out when they have a chance to keep winning.  
*Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.*

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You might be easily wounded by any statement where it seems like someone else is pointing out your physical flaws today, even if that isn’t necessarily what they meant. Your own ideas of what looks good and how you want to maintain your body may be shifting.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Hitting a roadblock of hidden sensitivities may interfere with your drive to get a lot done in your work today. That said, if you take some time to pay attention to what comes up, you could learn a lot. The conflict might not really be about whatever petty thing ignited it.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Friends and peers could seem easily offended today. You might think you’re just expressing yourself and not realize how disruptive your words can be. You might need to intentionally choose between keeping the peace and getting others to agree with you. You can have calm.  
**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** The inconsistency of an important authority figure may feel hurtful today. As you work to satisfy them, you might be doing your best to keep track of the details of their requests. Meanwhile, they could keep changing their mind about what they want!  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** An authority figure may help you identify some of your beliefs that could be blocking you from expressing yourself. No matter how much you admire this leader, your most important lesson now may be learning to listen to your inner voice. You can honor a good teacher by using their wisdom to move forward.  
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone may seem like they’re pouting or throwing a fit to prevent you from candidly discussing money with them. You might feel like you have to choose between having a peaceful environment and getting the information you want. People shut down when they feel overwhelmed.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You may feel drwn to initiate a conversation with someone else about how they’ve hurt you, and you could get what you want in terms of making this conversation happen. Once it starts, though, you likely won’t be able to control where it goes. Dialogue needs two people.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Rest may be the best answer to worries, including ones that make you feel bad physically as well as mentally. While money fears could be easier to resolve than you think, a solution in the long run might not make everyone happy at the moment.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Benefits from a new health routine or diet could be starting to affect your life, but you might not be ready to explain this to others yet. Even if your friends mean well and are genuinely curious about your habits, their endless questions could irritate you now. Instead of snapping, try to be honest about your limitations.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may have the right to tell someone what to do, but that doesn’t mean that you have to or should do so. Responsible use of your authority could require sensitivity to the needs of those you supervise. Taking the time to hear them out now may have more lasting benefits.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A friend who really cares may take some extra time to try to unsnarl a misunderstanding. Working with them on this might be more challenging for you than just walking away from the situation. Don’t let your insecurities push away someone who’s trying to help!  
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** You might feel offended if someone asks you questions about your finances. The words they’re actually saying, however, may be different from the words you hear through the filter of your own shame. You might be caught up in bad experiences.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On Oct. 19, 1789,** John Jay was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the United States.  
**In 1944,** the U.S. Navy began accepting Black women into WAVES.  
**In 1953,** the Ray Bradbury novel “Fahrenheit 451” was first published.  
**In 1960,** the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested during a sit-down protest at a lunch counter in Atlanta.  
**In 1987,** the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, in what came to be known as “Black Monday.”  
**In 2010,** the Pentagon directed the military to accept openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation’s history.  
**In 2015,** Canadians voted for a sharp change in their government as the Liberals led by Justin Trudeau, the son of a former prime minister, won a landslide victory to end Conservative Stephen Harper’s near decade in office.



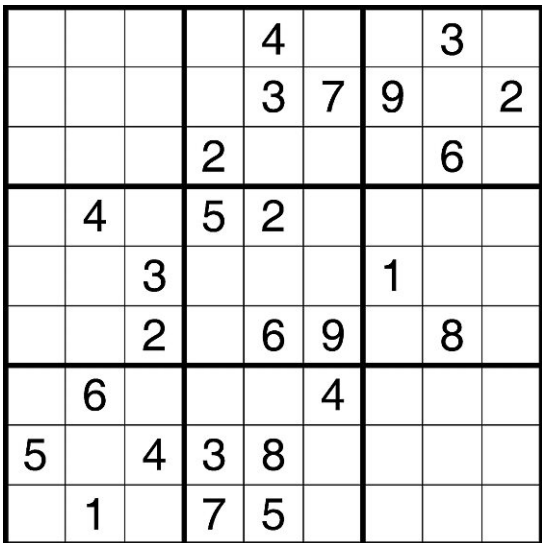
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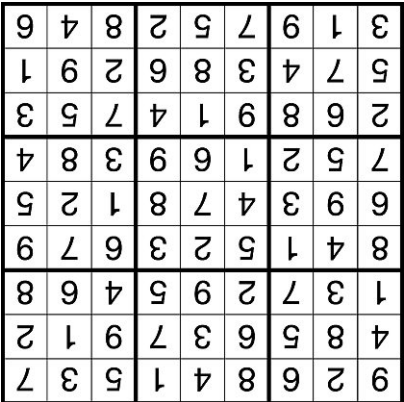
SUDOKU



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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](https://www.sudoku.org.uk).



BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE  
3 letters = 1 point  
4 letters = 2 points  
5 letters = 3 points  
6 letters = 4 points  
7 letters = 6 points  
8 letters = 10 points  
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING  
151+ = Champ  
101-150 = Expert  
61-100 = Pro  
31-60 = Gamer  
21-30 = Rookie  
11-20 = Amateur  
0-10 = Try again

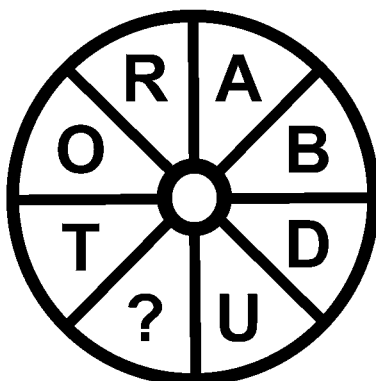
Boggle BrainBusters Bonus  
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE WORDS RELATED TO TREES in the grid of letters.

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ROOT LIMB BARK THINK LUMBER

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: home sweet home

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



ABBEY  
ABODE  
APARTMENT  
ATTIC  
BACH  
BARRACKS  
BASEMENT  
BUILDING  
BUNGALOW  
CABIN  
CASA  
CELLAR  
CHALET

CHATEAU  
CONDO  
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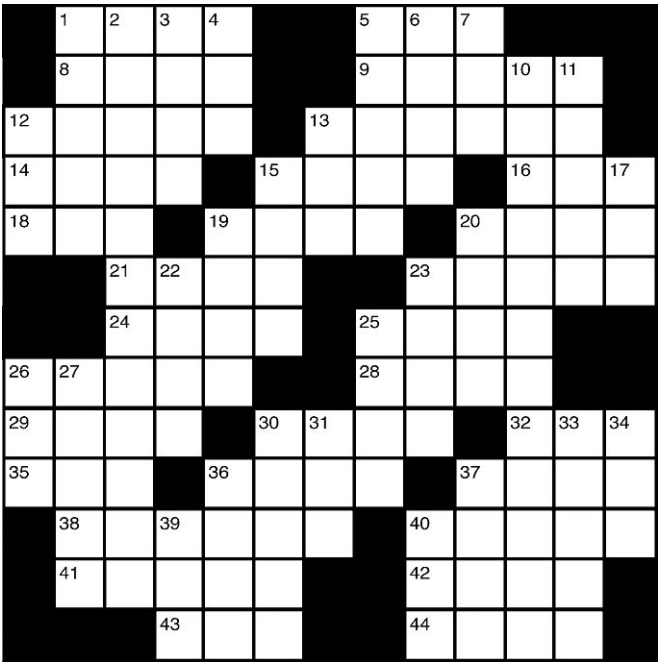
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PALACE

PENTHOUSE  
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RANCH  
RESIDENCE  
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SHANTY  
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SHELTER  
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TOWNHOUSE  
VILLA

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Actor on "Law & Order: SVU"
- Network for news anchor Scott Pelley
- Kill
- Excuse
- "Dancing with the \_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_ Fear"; Richard Gere thriller
- "Flip \_\_\_ House"; A&E series
- Actor Robert \_\_\_
- "El \_\_\_"; Charlton Heston movie
- Suffix for musket or auction
- "Hard \_\_\_"; news journalism series of the '90s
- Actor Everett
- Cheese from Holland
- "Blue \_\_\_ Shoes"; song for Elvis Presley
- Show boldness
- Rob Reiner's dad
- "The \_\_\_ of Music"; Julie Andrews film
- Woody Guthrie's son
- Annapolis academy, for short
- "\_\_\_ Hari"; Greta Garbo movie
- Actor \_\_\_ Estes

Solution to Last Month's Puzzle



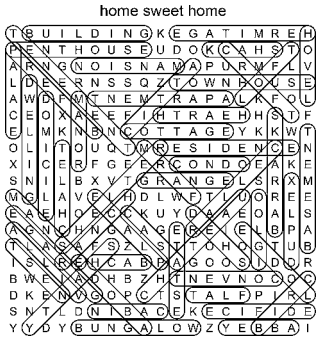
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- Illegal hallucinogen, for short
- \_\_\_-à-tête; private conversation
- Presidential power to forbid
- "Life as \_\_\_"; Kevin Kline movie
- "The \_\_\_ Duke Show"
- "\_\_\_ Hope"; old daytime serial
- Opening poker bet
- Role on "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- "The \_\_\_ Hunter"; Robert De Niro movie

DOWN

- "This \_\_\_ End"; James Franco film
- Role on "Modern Family"
- Dumbo's "wings"
- Cobb and Burrell
- Singer \_\_\_ Simon
- Radar screen image
- Scottish actor Alastair \_\_\_
- "The \_\_\_"; reality dating game
- Classic Greek epic
- Sault \_\_\_ Marie
- "A \_\_\_ Named Scooby-Doo"; old cartoon series
- "Here \_\_\_ the Brides"
- ...FDR, HST, \_\_\_, JFK...
- Joker or jack
- Ringlet of hair
- Actress Delany
- Gilbert or Rue
- Actress Blanchett
- Eat dinner
- Grouch of "Sesame Street"
- Sloppy
- "I can't believe I \_\_\_ the whole thing!"
- Furry swimmer
- "\_\_\_ Meets World"
- Albacore or bluefin
- Weathercock
- Rower's need
- Cushion

JUMBLE



Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SIDYA

SOREA

CDENHR

RACDOC

Answer "here":

Jumbles: DAISY AROSE DRENCH ACCORD

Answer: When his girlfriend broke up with him on Friday, the weekend started on a — "SADDER-DAY"

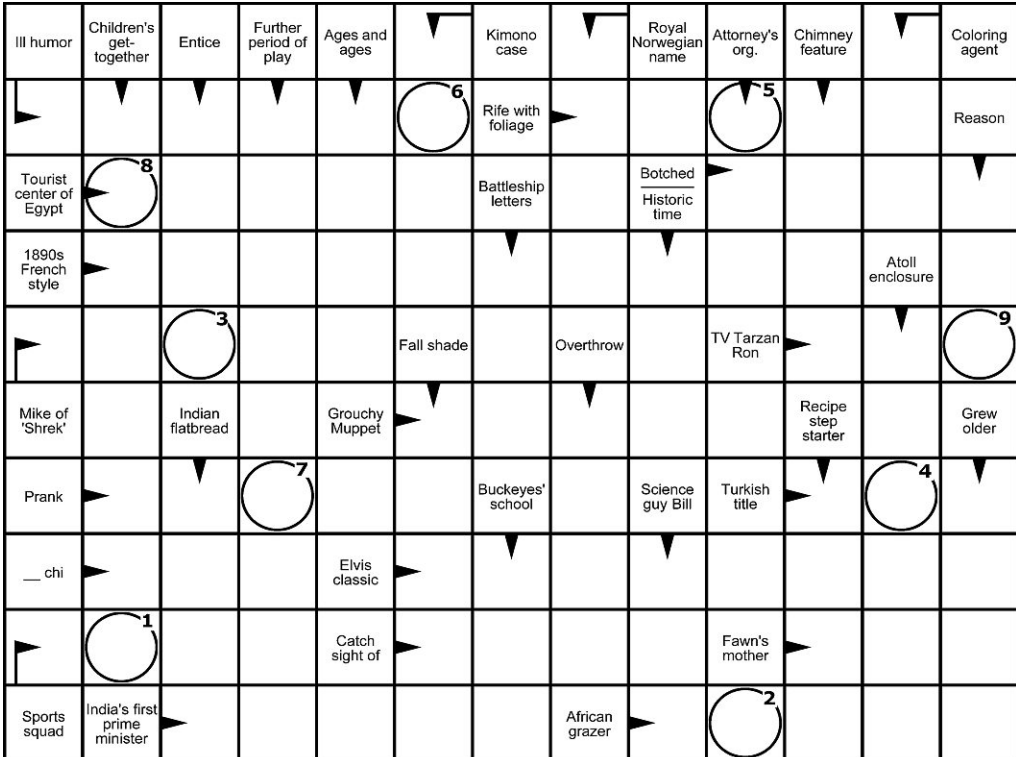
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

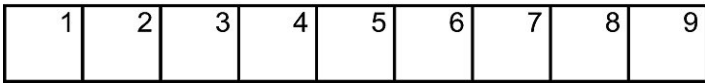
ARROW WORDS

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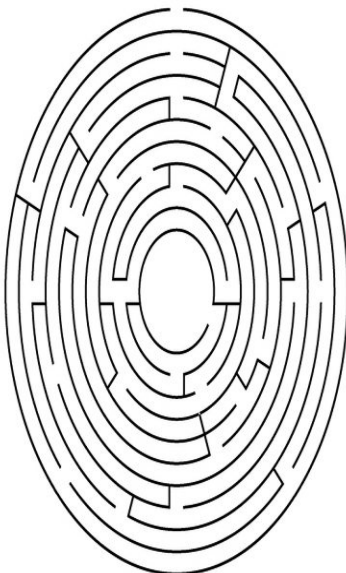
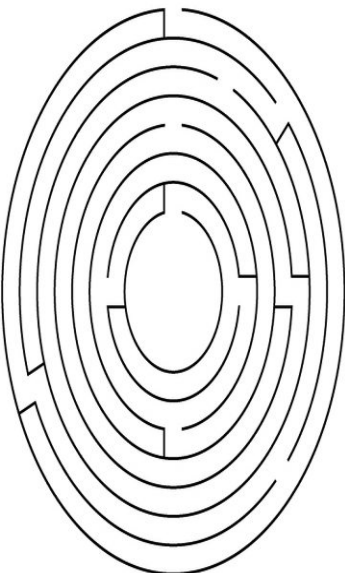


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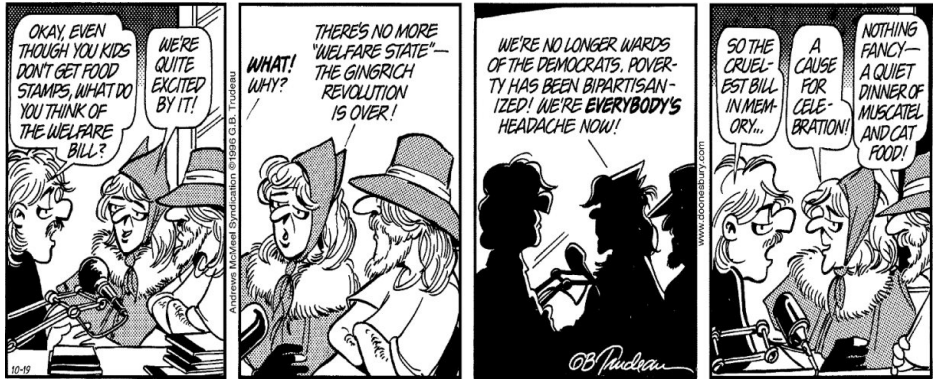




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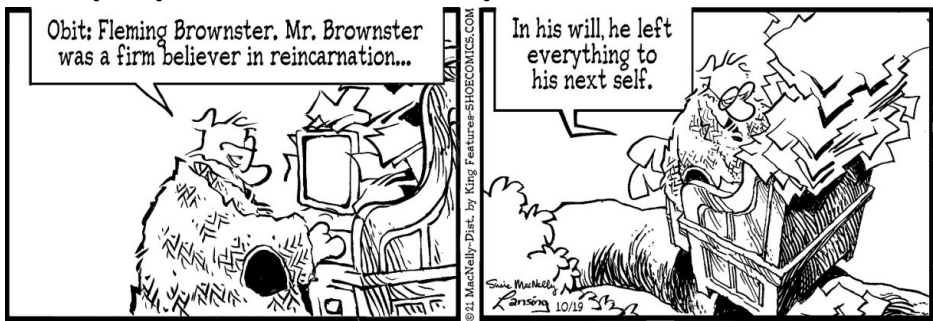
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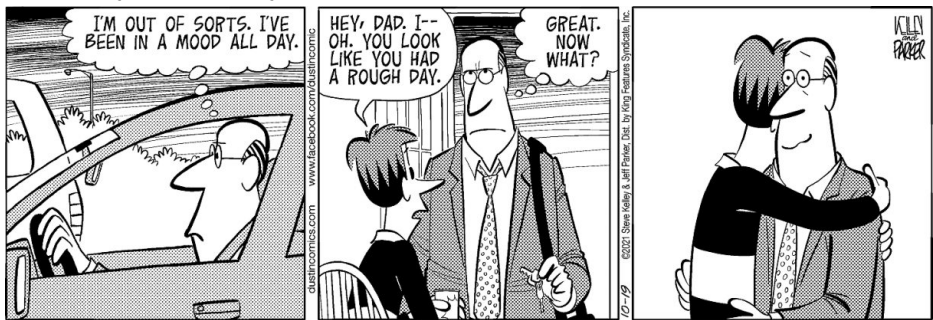
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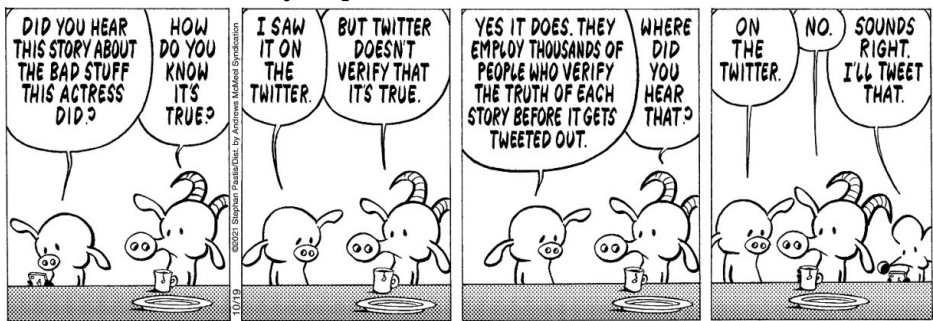
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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



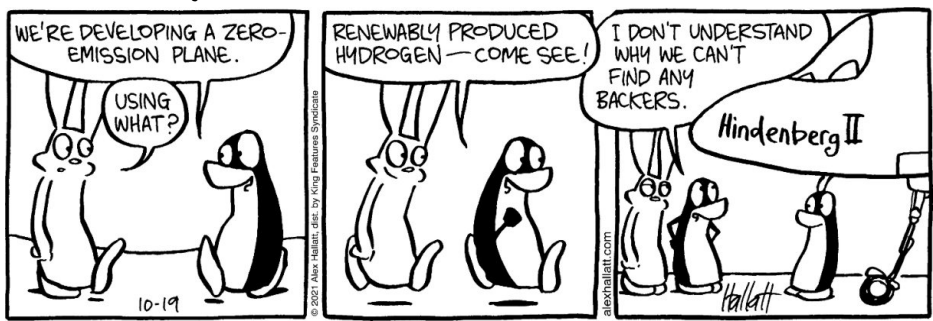
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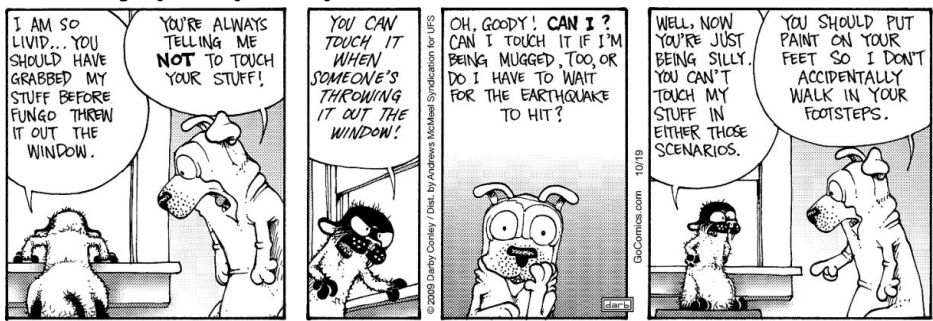
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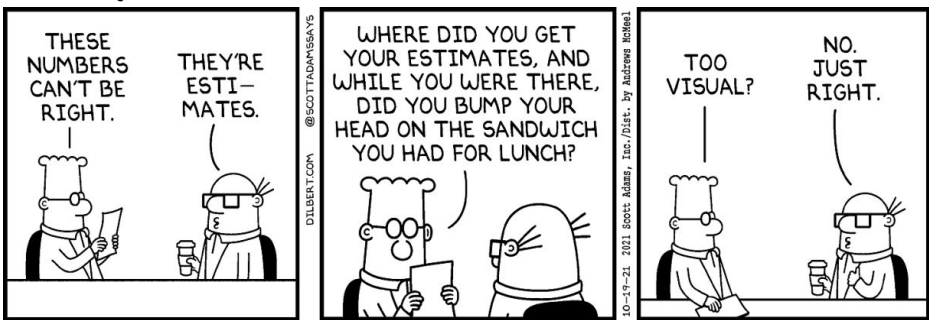
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**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



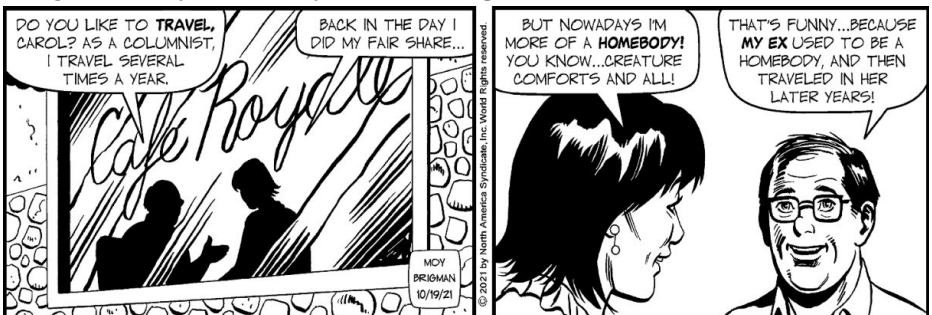
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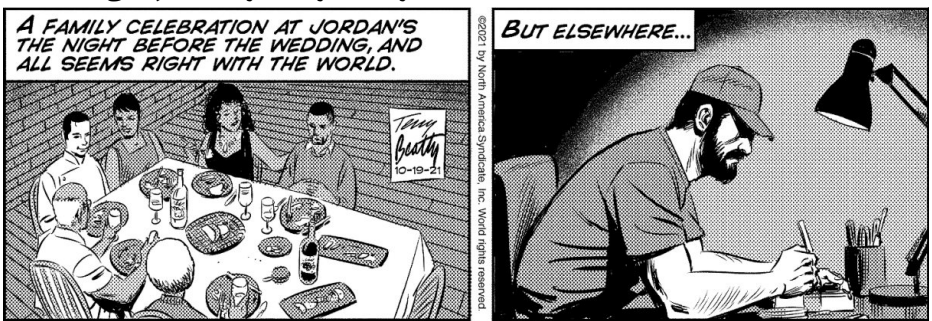
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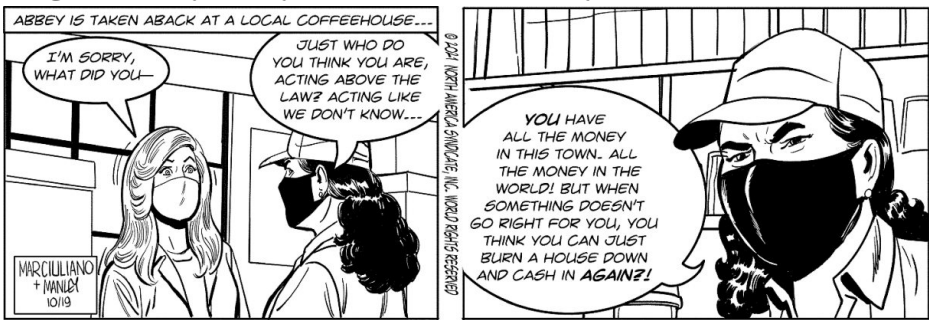
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**Rex Morgan, M.D.** By Terry Beatty



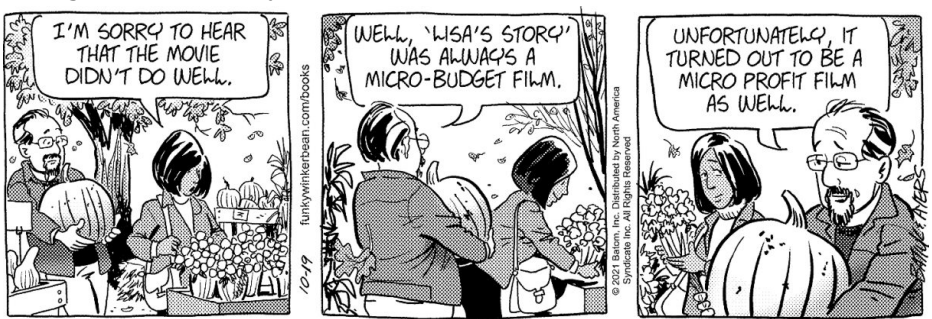
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**Baldo** By Cantu and Castellanos



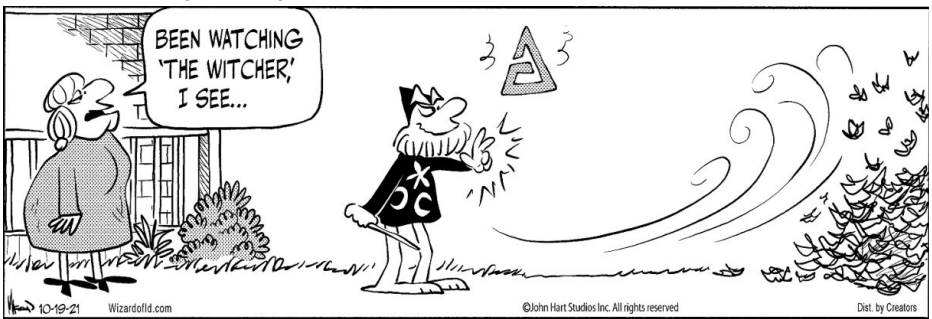
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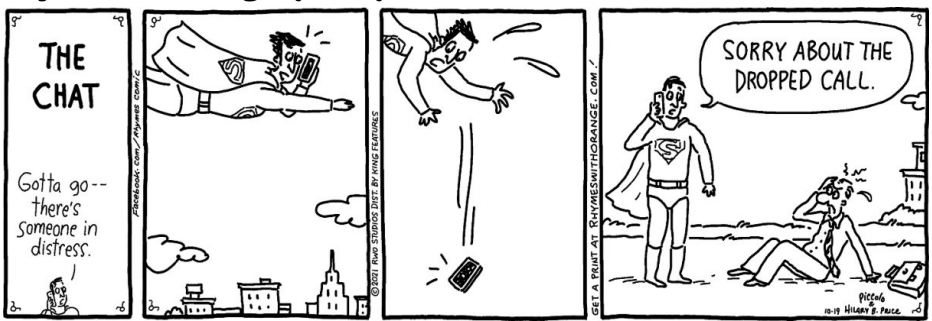
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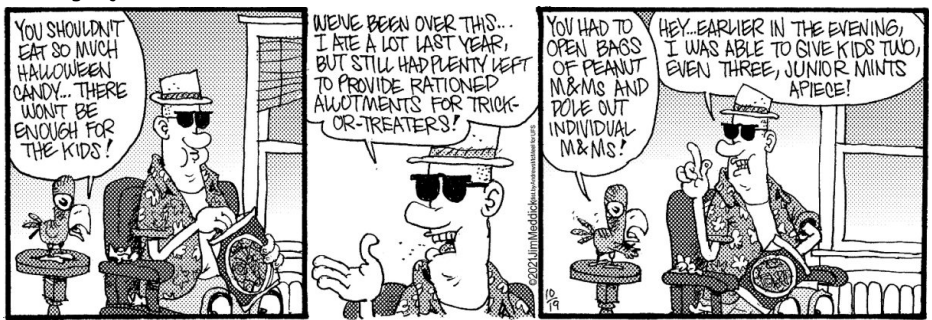
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**Rhymes With Orange** By Hilary Price



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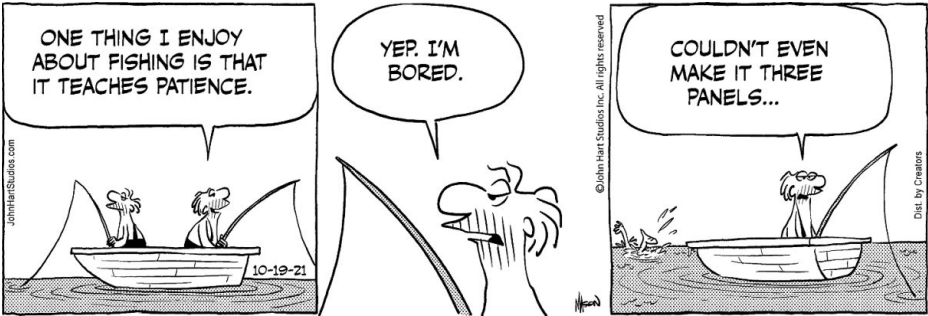




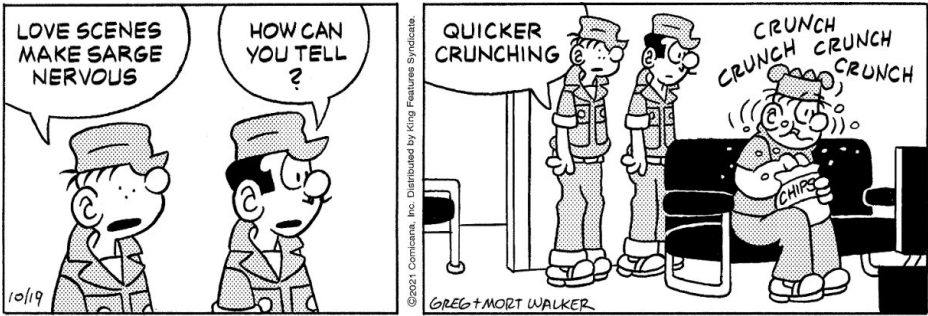
For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley



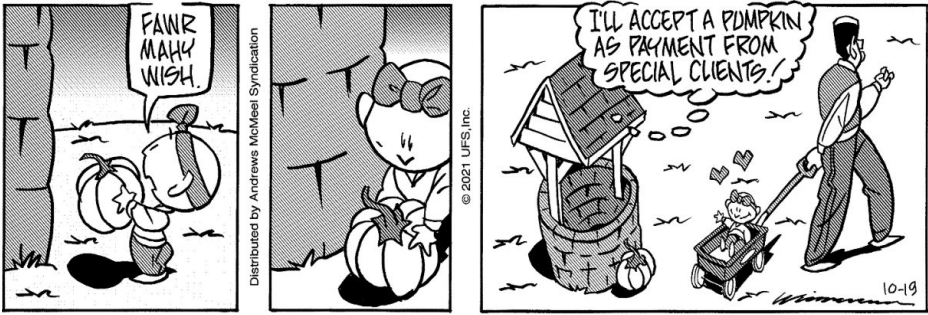
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



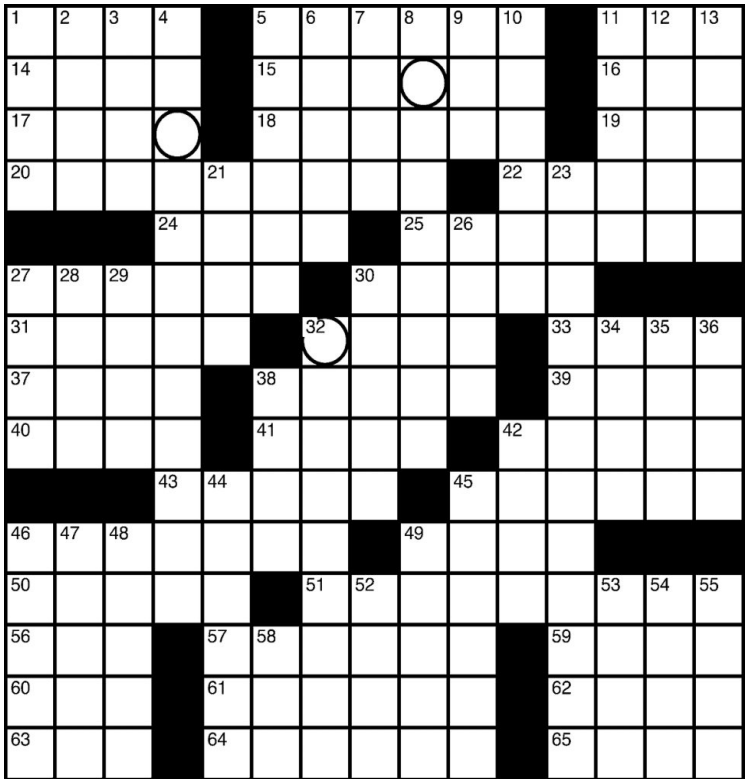
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



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- Across**
- 1 In the thick of  
5 "Honey, I the Kids": 1989 comedy  
11 Brown bag staple, initially  
14 Waves from the back of a boat  
15 Like some sandpaper  
16 Sam Adams, e.g.  
17 Flickered-out flames?  
18 "24" analyst Chloe \_\_\_\_  
19 Operate  
20 Good thing to have for a change?  
22 A lot  
24 Judith of "Down Home"  
25 Diplomat's post  
27 Reacted to a really bad pun, perhaps  
30 Thrash about  
31 Think tank output  
32 South African grassland  
33 Place to bowl  
37 Hunk of bacon, say  
38 Flood deterrent  
39 Like a Frappuccino  
40 Severe criticism  
41 Word with teen or golden  
42 Nab in a trap  
43 The Ellery Queen Award is one  
45 Mideast or Midwest  
46 Motorcyclist's invitation  
49 "You're gonna need a  
bigger boat" movie  
50 Biblical prophet  
51 Apple known by its first three letters  
56 Notable period  
57 Words to live by  
59 R&B's India, \_\_\_\_  
60 Actress de Armas  
61 Light, as a fire  
62 Demolish  
63 Bench press muscle, briefly  
64 Barflies  
65 Winter ride  
6 Avocation  
7 \_\_\_\_avis  
8 "Spoon-bender" debunked by the Amazing Randi  
9 Code-breaking org.  
10 Jedi Master Obi-Wan \_\_\_\_  
11 Repair bill heading  
12 B.B. King genre  
13 Female donkey  
21 12/24 and 12/31  
23 Meteors, and what three  
Down answers aptly contain  
26 Manufactured  
27 Genie's offering  
28 Run without moving  
29 "Hud" Oscar-winner Patricia  
30 Flu symptom  
32 Diner list for animal product avoiders  
34 Antioxidant berry  
35 Old Roman fiddler  
36 Eve's first home  
38 Italy's Como, per esempio  
42 Fixed with thread  
44 Arizona MLBers  
45 Workers' rewards  
46 Inexpensive  
47 "SNL" producer Michaels  
48 Author Asimov  
49 Rapper with the 2013 #1 album "Born Sinner"  
52 Also includes  
53 Face-to-face exam  
54 XL or L, but not LX  
55 Take to heart  
58 Brazil metropolis



By David Poole

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 9 7 5 3  
♥ A 9 8  
♦ K J 10 2  
♣ K

WEST

♠ A K J 2  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ 7 6 5

EAST

♠ 6 4  
♥ J 4  
♦ 8 3  
♣ A Q J 10 9 4 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 8  
♥ Q 7 6 3 2  
♦ A Q 7 5  
♣ 8 2

The bidding:

East South West North  
3 ♣ Pass Pass Dble  
Pass 3 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

A psychological ploy

Part of the skill in good declarer play consists of inducing the defenders to make mistakes.

It is not rare for a defender to make a mistake on his own that he should not have; far more noteworthy is the occasion when declarer induces him to make that mistake.

Consider this deal where South got to three hearts on the bidding shown. West led the king of spades and shifted to the seven of clubs.

East took dummy's king of clubs with the ace and returned his remaining spade to partner's ace. West then played another club, ruffed in dummy with the eight of hearts.

South had lost the first three tricks and so could afford to lose only one trump trick. This was impossible to do legitimately as the cards lay, but South found a way to make the contract anyway.

At trick five, he led the queen of spades from dummy, even though he had no use whatsoever for a discard on dummy's high spade.

The ruse succeeded beautifully when East, instead of discarding, ruffed the queen of spades with the four of hearts. South overruffed the four with the six and led the queen of trump. West covered with the king, taken by dummy's ace as East's singleton jack fell. Declarer then led dummy's nine of hearts to West's ten.

It did not matter what West returned. South's seven of hearts eventually captured West's five, and declarer made the contract instead of going down one. The trap declarer laid by playing the apparently useless queen of spades from dummy at trick five worked to perfection.

**Tomorrow:** Reading the cards.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CTAYH

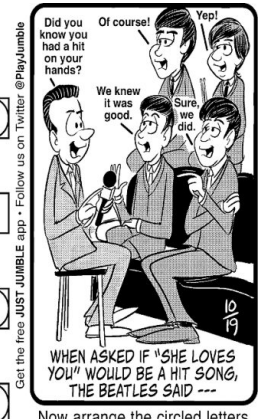
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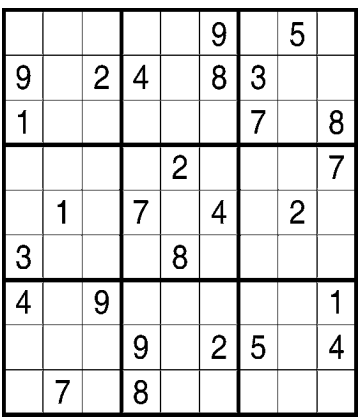
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: EPOXY TALLY TAUGHT CONCUR

Answer: The angler released the fish back into the water and said — CATCH YOU LATER

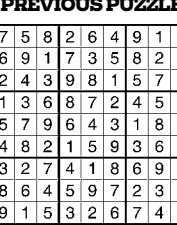


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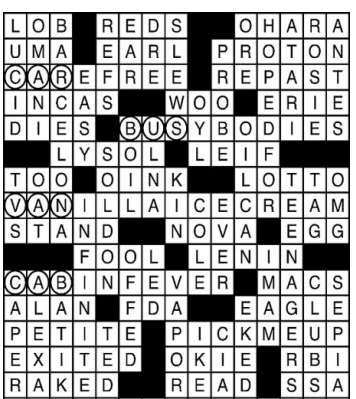


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE





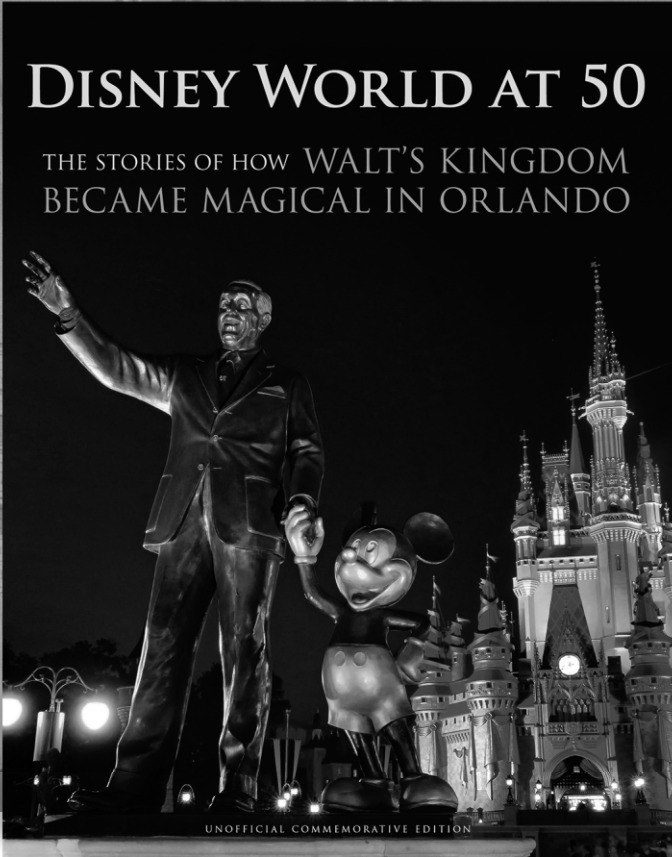
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# SPORTS

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL AP PRESEASON TOP 25

## Huskies start season ranked No. 24 in poll

Associated Press

UConn cracked the AP's preseason Top 25 men's basketball poll for the first time in five years, checking in at No. 24 on Monday.

Coach Dan Hurley noted last Friday that he was hoping for the buzz that comes with being ranked in the preseason. With most of his top players returning and a highly rated recruiting class, he expected to crack the rankings.

"I would think when you return seven or eight rotation guys and have a top-10 recruiting class, that that would earn you into the Top 25," Hurley said last week.

The Huskies were a fixture in the AP poll for more than two decades. After opening the 2016-17 season at No. 16, UConn lost to Wagner and Northeastern and disappeared from the poll, with three sub-.500 seasons in a row.

Last season, Hurley's third as coach, UConn returned to the rankings in January, reaching as high as No. 23 before falling out.

Going into this season, Gonzaga is No. 1, a position it held all last season before losing the NCAA championship game to Baylor. Coach Mark Few's Bulldogs start this season in the same position, hoping to complete that final step this time.

The Zags were the runaway top choice in Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball preseason poll released Monday. They earned 55 of 63 first-place votes to easily outdistance No. 2 UCLA, which earned the other eight. Kansas, Villanova and Texas rounded out the top five, while reigning national champion Baylor checked in at No. 8.

The Zags have accomplished just about every milestone possible in 23 years under Few other

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AP Top 25 preseason poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason 2021-22 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2020-21 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking.

Rk, team	Rec.	Pts.	Prv
1. Gonzaga (55)	0-0	1562	1
2. UCLA (8)	0-0	1459	—
3. Kansas	0-0	1427	12
4. Villanova	0-0	1332	18
5. Texas	0-0	1315	9
6. Michigan	0-0	1255	4
7. Purdue	0-0	1213	20
8. Baylor	0-0	992	3
9. Duke	0-0	963	—
10. Kentucky	0-0	894	—
11. Illinois	0-0	861	2
12. Memphis	0-0	831	—
13. Oregon	0-0	775	—
14. Alabama	0-0	713	5
15. Houston	0-0	694	6
16. Arkansas	0-0	673	10
17. Ohio St.	0-0	581	7
18. Tennessee	0-0	563	—
19. N. Carolina	0-0	547	—
20. Florida St.	0-0	381	14
21. Maryland	0-0	294	—
22. Auburn	0-0	267	—
23. St. Bona.	0-0	238	—
24. UConn	0-0	161	—
25. Virginia	0-0	125	15

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Hurley apologizes for First Night fiasco

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

AVON — ESPN analyst Seth Greenberg gave UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley a microphone Monday morning and offered him a chance to "vent" about the Huskies' First Night fiasco.

"If you fancy yourself a great basketball school, you should have baskets ... that work," Hurley told the crowd, drawing a laugh.

Later Monday, there came a better indication of UConn's status in men's basketball. The Huskies were ranked 24th in the AP Top 25 preseason poll, joining No. 4 Villanova among Big East schools. UConn had not been ranked going into a season since 2016. Gonzaga is No. 1.

With much of last season's NCAA Tournament team returning and a highly rated returning class, UConn was expected to

crack the rankings. They were in the Top 25 briefly, ranked as high as No. 23, last January.

Last Friday, UConn was staging First Night festivities after having to cancel the event last year, allowing more than 6,000 students into Gampel Pavilion. There was a lot of excitement as the men's and women's basketball teams were introduced followed by a long lull as workers struggled to get one of the basket stanchions anchored to the floor properly. Eventually, they gave up. The women's team scrimmaged a few minutes in a half-court shootaround.

Hurley, who wanted to use the occasion for a blue-white scrimmage where his young players could get acclimated to shooting before a crowd, called it a night as the arena was emptying.

On Monday, Hurley joined the state's other Division I men's

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CCSU MEN'S BASKETBALL

## New coach Sellers wants 'blue-collar mindset' in his players

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

AVON — Patrick Sellers knows what he's getting into at Central Connecticut State University. He also knows where he wants to take the men's basketball program and has an idea how to get there.

"Central is a special place," the Blue Devils' new head coach said on Monday during the preseason coaches breakfast at Golf Club of Avon to benefit the Jimmy V Foundation's cancer research.

"Our strength coach, Mike Ericksen, has been there over 20 years, and Mike does the most with the least. So if we coach that mindset into all our guys, that we can do everything we can and not worry about all the fluff and continue to build that blue-collar mindset, that's how you win at Central Connecticut."

Sellers, a CCSU alum like Ericksen, has worked long and hard for this first head-coaching opportunity since his playing days at Central ended in 1991. He was an assistant on Howie Dickenman's staff when the Blue Devils won the NEC and went to the NCAA Tournament in 2000 and 2002.

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Patrick Sellers, a Central Connecticut alum, is back at his alma mater for his first college basketball head coaching job.  
COURANT FILE

MLB PLAYOFFS ALCS GAME 3



ELSA/GETTY

Kyle Schwarber of the Red Sox hits a grand slam in the second inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series on Monday night at Fenway Park. The game wasn't over in time for this edition. For the result and story, go to [courant.com/sports/baseball](https://courant.com/sports/baseball).

# SCOUT'S HONOR

## The same Astros rep found Kiké Hernández and J.D. Martinez in 2009 — here's what he remembers

By Alex Speier  
Boston Globe

Want a unique perspective on the American League Championship Series? Talk to Greg Brown.

In 2009, Brown was a first-year amateur scout for the Astros covering South Florida and Puerto Rico. He led the Astros to a couple of lower-round gems: In the sixth round, Houston took a high school infielder out of Puerto Rico who had a modest profile: Enrique Hernández.

"To be honest, he was not valued highly," said Brown. "A lot of people thought it was a reach where we took him."

In the same draft, Brown pounded the table for the Astros to select an outfielder out of Nova Southeastern University in Florida — J.D. Martinez. Houston took him in the 20th round.

"I was definitely the high guy when it came to J.D.," said Brown. "I was a first-year scout, probably guns blazing, probably overzealous."

Yes, both Hernández and Martinez got their professional starts with the Astros, the same team they're now trying to beat in the ALCS. Meanwhile, Brown is now a minor league hitting coordinator for the Rays, the team that his former draftees helped vanquish from the post-season in the Division Series.

"It was uncomfortable [in the ALDS], to be honest with you," said Brown. "I want our organization to win a World Series. [ALDS] Game 2, when [Hernández and Martinez] had a combined nine hits, I probably wanted as little attention as possible to the small part I have in their careers."

"You always have pride in players' performances. It was just really another one of those snapshot moments in time where you get to be in the ballpark and see both of them have amazing days on the highest stage. Unfortunately, it was versus the Rays."

But while it pained Brown to see

the Rays get knocked out of the post-season by the Red Sox, he still takes pride in the role he played in the start of both players' careers.

When Martinez was in college, Brown — at the tail end of his minor league playing career — would work out with the future Red Sox DH/outfielder on the Nova Southeastern campus. He was a player with an ugly swing but a knack for getting the barrel on the ball.

When Brown retired as a player and began his scouting career, he saw Martinez as someone who might be overlooked based on the shape of his

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## Safety Tip of the Day

Never let a child out of the seat while the vehicle is in motion. If your child needs a break, stop the vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so.

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**Patriots:** Jets, Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Giants:** Panthers, Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Jets:** at Patriots, Sunay, 1 p.m.  
**Red Sox:** AL Championship Series: vs. Astros (Game 4), Tuesday, 8 p.m.; vs. Astros (Game 5), Wednesday, 5 p.m.; at Astros (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, 8 p.m.  
**Celtics:** at Knicks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Raptors, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Rockets, Sunday, 7 p.m.  
**Knicks:** Celtics, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Magic, Friday, 7 p.m.; Magic, Sunday, 7 p.m.  
**Nets:** at Bucks, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at 76ers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Hornets, Sunday, 4 p.m.  
**UConn hockey:** at Northeastern, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.; at Dartmouth, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.; at Maine, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.  
**Bruins:** at Flyers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Sabres, Friday, 7 p.m.; Sharks, Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Rangers:** at Maple Leafs, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Predators, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at Senators, Saturday, 1 p.m.  
**Wolf Pack:** at W-B/Scranton, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.; W-B/Scranton, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.  
**Hartford Athletic:** Charlotte, Friday, 7 p.m.; Charleston, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

**BASEBALL**  
**5 p.m.:** Braves at Dodgers. (Live) TBS  
**8 p.m.:** Astros at Red Sox. (Live) FS1. Radio: 1080  
**BASKETBALL**  
**7:30 p.m.:** Nets at Bucks. (Live) TNT  
**10 p.m.:** Warriors at Lakers. (Live) TNT  
**GOLF**  
**3 p.m.:** Stephens Cup, Second Round. (Live) GOLF  
**HOCKEY**  
**8 p.m.:** Islanders at Blackhawks. (Live) ESPN  
**SOCCER**  
**2:50 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League (Live) UNI  
**7 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League (Same-day Tape) CBSSN  
**11 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League (Same-day Tape) CBSSN

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Set up for success

Conard setter Nyssa Park shares a love for volleyball with her father, Connecticut Women’s Volleyball Hall of Famer Jung Park

By Lori Riley  
Hartford Courant

When Jung Park had to hire referees in his job as the UConn intramural sports director, he thought he should learn how to officiate, so he got certified in baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball. That was over 20 years ago. Now, Park is a college and international volleyball official who travels around the world. A longtime official and coach in Connecticut, he was inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2013. His daughter, Nyssa, absorbed his love for the game and is now a senior setter for Conard, 11-1 and ranked fourth in the state in last week’s Connecticut volleyball coaches’ poll. “She’s one of my best setters,” said Conard’s Kerry Roller, who has coached volleyball for over 20 years. “Just overall, her volleyball IQ, she knows who’s on, where to go to, where to put the ball, what the other team’s doing. She just has so much knowledge. And her athleticism and her skill just brings her to another level.” In Conard’s first loss of the season last Wednesday — 3-2 to top-10 ranked RHAM — Nyssa had 41 assists and 21 digs.

Jung wasn’t able to be there. He was officiating a match at the University of Illinois that night and on Thursday, he was traveling to work at the Kentucky-LSU volleyball match in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He gets to see some of his daughter’s games on YouTube. “I keep track of her stats,” Jung said. “We text each other, and we’ll FaceTime.” Jung’s interest in volleyball began when he played on the club team as an undergraduate at UConn. He started the university’s club team in 1996, then the Northeast Women’s Volleyball Club League with seven other schools. Jung is currently the commissioner of the league, which now has 69 schools participating. Jung also officiated high school basketball for 20 years, but volleyball was his first love. “I played it, it came naturally and I saw more opportunity to move up quickly in volleyball compared to other sports,” he said. “I caught the bug. I found myself more and more spending time doing volleyball stuff, and I enjoyed that more than my actual job. “When Nyssa was born, that’s when I made the decision to: ‘You know what? I’m going to try this officiating



Conard High senior setter Nyssa Park stands with her father, Jung Park, who is an international and college volleyball official and a member of the Connecticut Women’s Volleyball Hall of Fame. COURTESY OF JUNG PARK

thing full time.’ I watched her instead of sending her to day care about her first three years.” Jung, who now is an assistant coach at the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky, has officiated NCAA and NAIA championships and became an international official in 2010. He coached the sport at all levels, including high school and club. Nyssa, the youngest of his two daughters, played on junior varsity at Conard her freshman year. When Conard’s senior setter tore an ACL before the 2019 season, Nyssa took over the role even though she had only played libero on her club team. Her father asked if she wanted to get in some extra work to become a better setter. The catch? She had to get up at 5:30 a.m. to go to the Jewish Community Center in West Hartford with him because that was the only free time he had. “Mind you, when I made that offer, I didn’t think she’d take me up on it because she’s not a morning person

at all,” Jung said. “Surprisingly, she said yes. That would be my fondest memory, training with her. It meant a lot for me to spend time with her.” “We didn’t even have a volleyball net,” Nyssa said. “We would just practice and do drills so I got more touches.” When her father remarried and moved to Kentucky in January, it was difficult for Nyssa, who plans on playing volleyball in college but isn’t sure where yet. She missed the early morning training sessions. Jung will be back for Wednesday’s home match against Bristol Eastern for Nyssa’s Senior Night. “It definitely made me appreciate that a lot more now that he’s not home anymore because I definitely took it for granted when he was here,” Nyssa said. “It was like, ‘Oh, another early morning session,’ but I would give anything to have that again.”

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Sox

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swing and his projection as a corner outfielder, but whose pure hitting ability suggested real potential. Despite Brown being in a new role, amateur scouting director Bobby Heck (now a Rays special assistant) listened to his animated advocacy for Martinez. Hernández was somewhat better known. He was part of a travel team from Puerto Rico that featured several talented players. Hernández didn’t have the power or elite speed that would jump off the page, but every time Brown saw him, he was taken by on- and off-field traits. “He had infectious energy,” said Brown. “He really loved to play. He wasn’t tooled up. It was just, the more you watched him, you would see so much good. Kiké was a performer.” “Kiké was the most consistent player [on that travel team]. If you watched him, you’d see that it felt like every single at-bat he was making a left turn at first base. A lot of guys would punch out, ground out. This guy was just hitting balls, hitting line drives all over the field.” As a first-year scout, Brown wasn’t sure how to evaluate a player whose performance surpassed his tools. He knew that he liked the player, but it was Astros national cross-checker David Post who encouraged him to follow Hernández through the spring. The process proved thoroughly enjoyable. Hernández became aware of Brown’s regular presence at his games and started seeking him out. “He would come up to me and go, ‘Hey, Brownie, you draft me, I’ll sign. Just draft me,’” said Brown. “There was just a draw to him. It just manifested itself into this amazing ball of energy. That infectious nature just ends up with other people being drawn towards it.” That certainly proved true of Brown. As the scouting season progressed in 2009, he saw a player with a chance to play shortstop even if his likelier home was at second base. Brown also felt Hernández could emerge as an above-average hitter, a .55 on the 20-to-80 scouting scale, in the big leagues. “A lot of things had to go right for him to be able to get to that to get to that tool in the big leagues,” said Brown. “And to his credit, they have.”

PATRIOTS

Secondary issues primary focus in OT loss to Cowboys

By Kyle Hightower  
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots spent heavily this offseason hoping to patch the holes of a team that finished 7-9 in 2020 and on the outside of the playoffs for the first time since 2008. Through six games of 2021, those efforts have added up to them being exactly where they were this time a year ago. Sunday’s 35-29 overtime loss to the Cowboys was rife with many of the same issues that have plagued the Patriots (2-4) throughout this season, from costly turnovers to difficulty executing on third down. This latest setback also has crystallized just how much the defense misses having cornerback Stephon Gilmore in the secondary. The most glaring example was on display in the fourth quarter with the Patriots trying to protect a 29-26 lead in the final minute. New England had just answered Trevon Diggs’ 42-yard interception return with Mac Jones’ 75-yard touchdown pass to Kendrick Bourne. The Cowboys were facing third-and-25 on their 45. The Patriots came out in a dime package, going with six defensive backs, a linebacker and four linemen. It wasn’t enough to prevent Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott from completing a 24-yard pass to CeeDee Lamb. It set up Greg Zuerlein’s 49-yard tying field goal to send the game to OT. “It was a good throw and a good catch,” Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Monday. “Coverage was pretty good, but Prescott made a good throw. Lamb made a good catch.” All true. But safety Devin McCourty also acknowledged that extra help on that play on third down may have been warranted. “We’re banged up. It’s tough. You would want more DBs in, but you guys could see — it was tough,” McCourty



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott was 36 of 51 for 445 yards with three touchdowns in Sunday’s overtime win over the Patriots. STEW MILNE/AP

said. “(Jonathan) Jones was in and out. (Adrian Phillips) went down for a second. (Justin Bethel) went down for a second. It was just tough.” The play accounted for 24 of a season-high 445 passing yards allowed by the defense. Asked if they considered going with an extra defensive back, Belichick said they were in the coverage they’d planned on. It’s unclear how much the addition of Gilmore, who spent the first four weeks on the physically unable to perform list before being traded Oct. 6, would have made on the play. But only one team passed for more than 400 yards in the games he played in last season on a defense that ranked eighth against the pass, giving up 223 passing yards per game. This season the Patriots have slipped to 16th in the league, allowing 246 passing yards per game. Penalties continue to hurt the Patriots. They had five for 47 yards Sunday, their fifth game with five or more this season. New England had only six such games all last season. The costliest was in the second quarter, when the Patriots appeared to add to their 14-7 lead with a 25-yard TD pass from

Jones to Jakobi Meyers. But the points were taken off the scoreboard by a hold on left guard James Ferentz. **Stock rising:** Jones had his best game of the season completing deep passes, going 6 of 7 for 172 yards and two touchdowns. He also finished with a season-high 10.9 yards per passing attempt. **Stock falling:** The offensive line took a step back as it continues to deal with multiple injuries. The group gave up two sacks and allowed Jones to be hit five times. Backup right tackle Yodny Cajuste has played well the past two weeks but allowed defensive end Randy Gregory to blow past him and knock the ball free when he sacked Jones from behind in the second quarter. Chauncey Golston recovered for the Cowboys, leading to a 30-yard field goal that pulled Dallas within 14-10. **Injury report:** The Patriots had eight players listed as questionable heading into Sunday’s game. That list could grow this week after safety Adrian Phillips (foot), cornerback Jonathan Jones (ribs) and linebackers Christian Barmore (shoulder) and Chase Winovich (hamstring) all left the game with injuries.

GIANTS

Second straight rout has squad reeling

By Tom Canavan  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Joe Judge has coached the New York Giants for 22 games, and he has gotten all the clichés down. The season is a marathon. It’s only six games into the season. There is a lot of football to be played. No one is giving up. All the injuries? Next man up! Now forget the clichés. The Giants are 1-5. They are four games behind Dallas in the NFC East. Their 177 points allowed are tied with Miami for second worst in the league behind Washington. The Lions (0-6) are the only team with a worse record. To make matters worse, the Giants are getting worse. After beating New Orleans in overtime, they dropped a 44-20 decision in Dallas (5-1) and then were beaten 38-11 by the Rams (5-1) at MetLife Stadium on Sunday. That’s a 24-point loss followed by a 27-point loss. After a 6-10 record last season and finishing second in the division, this was supposed to be the season the Giants made a play-off run. The way things are going, their relevance this season will end early. “We’re in that submarine right now,” Judge said. “If something happens on that submarine, there’s got to be someone on that ship to step up and save that thing. You spring a leak, someone’s got to plug that thing for you. No one’s coming. It won’t get there in time to help you if you don’t fix it yourselves. That’s how we come back on Wednesday.”

**What’s working:** Wide receiver Sterling Shepard returned from a hamstring injury and was Daniel Jones’ only experienced target with Kenny Golladay, Kadarius Toney and Darius Slayton hurt. He finished with 10 catches for 76 yards. It was his highest catch total since he had 10 against New Orleans in 2018. **What needs help:** After this past weekend, the entire team needs help. The offense was limited to a season-low 261 yards, including 60 rushing. The number was padded by 61 yards on New York’s final drive. New York turned over the ball four times, with Jones throwing three interceptions and losing a fumble on a sack. The defense pitched a shutout in the first quarter, then disappeared, allowing 38 points, although the offense helped. Special teams also got a black eye as the Rams threw a first-down pass on a fake punt. New York was saved by offsetting penalties on the play. **Injury report:** The list continues to grow. The elusive Toney aggravated an ankle injury on the opening series. Left tackle Andrew Thomas, who missed the Dallas game a week ago with a foot injury, hurt an ankle and did not play in the second half. Defensive tackle Danny Shelton hurt a pectoral muscle, and wide receiver/kick returner C.J. Board broke an arm. Runningback Saquon Barkley (ankle), Golladay (knee), Slayton (hamstring) and guard Ben Bredeson (hand) — all starters — were inactive Sunday.



SCOREBOARD

MLB POSTSEASON													
NLCS GAME 3				2021				2021 VS OPP				LAST 3 STARTS	
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA		
Atl	Morton (R)		14-6	3.34	17-16	1-0	11.0	2.45	0-1	12.0	3.00		
LAD	Buehler (R)	5:08p	16-4	2.47	22-11	0-0	7.0	2.57	1-1	15.2	2.87		

ALCS GAME 4				2021				2021 VS OPP				LAST 3 STARTS	
TM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA		
Hou	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00		
Bos	TBD	8:08 p.m.	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00		

**POSTSEASON SCHEDULE**  
**LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
*(Best-of-7)*  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**Houston 1, Boston 1**  
**Oct. 15:** G1 Houston 5-4  
**Oct. 16:** G2 Boston 9-5  
**Monday:** G3 in Boston, late  
**Tuesday:** G4 in Boston, 8:08 p.m. (FS1)  
**Wed:** G5 in Boston, 5:08 p.m. (FS1)  
**x-Fri:** G6 in Houston, 8:08 p.m. (FS1)  
**x-Sat:** G7 in Houston, 8:08p.m. (FOX & FS1)

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Atlanta 2, LA Dodgers 0**  
**Oct. 16:** G1 Atlanta 3-2  
**Oct. 17:** G2 Atlanta 5-4  
**Tue:** G3 in Los Angeles, 5:08 p.m. (TBS)  
**Wed:** G4 in Los Angeles, 8:08 p.m. (TBS)  
**x-Thur:** G5 in Los Angeles, 8:08 p.m. (TBS)  
**x-Fri:** G6 in Atlanta, TBD (TBS)  
**x-Sat:** G7 in Atlanta, 7:38 p.m. (TBS)

**WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)**  
**Oct. 26:** Game 1 at better record (Fox)  
**Oct. 27:** Game 2 at better record (Fox)  
**Oct. 29:** Game 3 at worse record (Fox)  
**Oct. 30:** Game 4 at worse record (Fox)  
**x-Oct. 31:** Game 5 at worse record (Fox)  
**x-Nov. 2:** Game 6 at better record (Fox)  
**x-Nov. 3:** Game 7 at better record (Fox)

**LATE SUNDAY:**  
**ATLANTA 5, L.A. DODGERS 4**  
**Los Angeles** AB R H BI SO AVG  
Betts rf-cf 3 2 1 0 0 0 .143  
Seager ss 4 1 1 2 1 .250  
T.Turner 2b 5 0 0 0 3 .222  
Smith c 2 1 1 0 1 .333  
Lux cf 3 0 0 0 0 .000  
e-J.Turner ph 0 0 0 0 0 .250  
Treinen p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Urias p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
g-Barnes ph 1 0 0 0 1 .000  
Graterol p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Jansen p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Taylor 3b 2 0 1 2 1 .650  
Bellinger 1b 3 0 0 0 0 .200  
Pollock lf 4 0 0 0 2 .125  
Scherzer p 2 0 0 0 0 .000  
Vesia p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
c-Beaty ph 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
d-Pujols ph 1 0 0 0 1 .000  
Kelly p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Souza Jr. rf 1 0 0 0 0 .000  
**TOTALS** **31** **4** **4** **10** **4**  
**Atlanta** AB R H BI SO AVG  
Rosario lf 5 1 4 1 0 .556  
Freeman 1b 4 0 0 0 3 .000  
Albies 2b 4 1 1 1 1 .375  
Riley 3b 3 1 1 1 2 .429  
Pederson rf 4 1 1 2 1 .286  
Duvall cf 3 0 1 0 1 .167  
Jackson p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Martin p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
f-Adrianza ph 1 0 0 0 1 .000  
Smith p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
d'Arnaud c 3 0 1 0 1 .167  
f-Pache pr 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Swanson ss 4 1 1 0 0 .143  
Anderson p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
a-Camargo ph 1 0 0 0 1 .000  
Chavez p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Minter p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
b-Arcia ph 1 0 0 0 1 .000  
Webb p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Matzek p 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Heredia cf 2 0 0 0 0 .000  
**TOTALS** **35** **5** **10** **5** **12**

Two outs when winning run scored, a-struck out for Anderson in the 3rd, b-struck out for Minter in the 5th, c- for Vesia in the 6th, d-pitch out for Beaty in the 6th, e-hit by struck for Lux in the 7th, f-pinch hit for Martin in the 8th, g-pinch hit for Urias in the 9th, 1-ran for d'Arnaud in the 9th. **LOB:** Los Angeles 10, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Taylor (2), Riley (1). **HR:** Seager (1), off Anderson; Pederson (1), off Scherzer. **RBIs:** Seager 2(2), Taylor 2(3), Pederson 2(2), Albies (1), Riley (3), Rosario (1). **SB:** Lux (1), Betts 2(2), Taylor (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 6(Bellinger, Taylor, Lux, Pujols, Pollock 2); Atlanta 2 (Albies, Adrianza). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1 for 10; Atlanta 2for 6. **Runners moved up:** Bellinger, Freeman, Heredia. **GIDP:** Swanson. **BP:** Los Angeles 1(Seager, T.Turner, Bellinger).

**LOS ANGELES** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
Scherzer 4⅓ 4 2 2 2 7 4.15  
Vesia ⅔ 1 0 0 0 2 0.00  
Kelly 1 0 0 0 2 1 0.00  
Treinen, H, 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 6.75  
Urias, BS, 0-1 1 3 2 2 0 2 18.00  
Graterol, L, 0-1 ⅔ 1 1 0 0 0 13.50  
Jansen 0 1 0 0 0 0 0.00  
**ATLANTA** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
Anderson 3 3 2 2 2 3 6.00  
Chavez 1 0 0 0 0 0 0.00  
Minter 1 0 0 0 2 1 0.00  
Webb ⅔ 0 0 0 1 1 0.00  
Matzek 1 0 2 2 2 3 9.00  
Jackson ⅓ 1 0 0 1 1 0.00  
Martin 1 0 0 0 0 0 0.00  
Smith, W, 2-0 1 0 0 0 2 0.00  
Jansen pitched to 1batters in the 9th  
Inherited runners-scored: Vesia 1-0, Jansen 1-1, Matzek 1-0, Jackson 2-2. **IBB:** off Minter (Smith), off Matzek (Smith), off Jackson (Bellinger). **HPB:** Jackson (J.Turner). **Umpires:** Home, Jordan Baker; First, James Hoyer; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Lance Barksdale; Right, Tripp Gibson; Left, Todd Tichenor. T: 3:56. A: 41,873 (41,084).

**LATE SUNDAY:**  
**PGA THE CJ CUP @ SUMMIT**  
**4th of 4 rounds at The Summit Club; Las Vegas, 7,431 yards; Par: 72**  
**Individual FedExCup points in rarentheses**  
**263 (-25)** \$1,755,000  
Rory McIlroy (500) 68-67-62-66  
**264 (-24)** \$1,053,000  
Collin Morikawa (300) 67-70-65-62  
**266 (-22)** \$565,500  
Keith Mitchell (163) 62-64-73-67  
Rickie Fowler (163) 66-66-63-71  
**267 (-21)** \$342,469  
Tad Gooch (96) 67-68-70-62  
Sam Burns (96) 67-68-66-66  
Aaron Wise (96) 66-67-68-66  
Adam Scott (96) 68-63-67-69  
**268 (-20)** \$243,750  
Sungjae Im (70) 68-69-67-64  
Gary Woodland (70) 64-67-70-67  
Harry Higgs (70) 66-67-67-68  
Cameron Smith (70) 61-72-65-70  
**269 (-19)** \$169,065  
Webb Simpson (54) 69-69-66-65  
Jhonattan Vegas (54) 66-69-68-66  
Chris Kirk (54) 68-67-68-66  
Abraham Ancer (54) 70-65-63-71  
**270 (-18)** \$116,331  
Emiliano Grillo (43) 72-68-69-61  
Xander Schauffele (43) 69-69-69-63  
Justin Thomas (43) 69-67-70-64  
Jordan Spieth (43) 66-65-72-67  
Viktor Hovland (43) 65-68-70-67  
Ian Poulter (43) 66-67-67-70  
Tyrrell Hatton (43) 67-65-67-71

**LATE SUNDAY:**  
**PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS**  
**SAS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Club: Cary, N.C.; 7,137 yds; Par: 72**  
**204 (-12)** \$315,000  
Lee Janzen 67-70-67--204  
**204 (-12)** \$184,000  
Miguel A. Jimenez 67-68-69--204  
**205 (-11)** \$138,075  
Jin Fuyuk 69-69-67--205  
Alex Cejka 68-67-70--205  
**206 (-10)** \$81,638  
Paul Bharghurst 68-70-68--206  
Thongchai Jaidee 66-71-69--206  
Scott Parel 65-71-70--206  
Bernhard Langer 70-66-70--206  
**207 (-9)** \$54,600  
Kevin Sutherland 69-69-69--207  
Woody Austin 71-67-69--207  
Scott Dunlap 68-68-71--207  
**208 (-8)** \$41,475  
Brandt Jobe 70-69-69--208  
Stuart Appleby 68-70-70--208  
Steve Flechsch 72-67-69--208

NFL												
AMERICAN CONFERENCE												
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	172	64						
New England	2	4	0	.333	125	127						
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	67	121						
Miami	1	5	0	.167	99	177						
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	130						
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	139	131						
Houston	1	5	0	.167	92	172						
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	172						
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	170	123						
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	148	111						
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	156	151						
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	117	132						
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	148	150						
Las Vegas	4	2	0	.667	147	144						
Denver	3	3	0	.500	126	110						
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	185	176						

NATIONAL CONFERENCE												
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146						
Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	137	152						
Washington	2	4	0	.333	136	186						
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	114	177						
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Tampa Bay	5	1	0	.833	195	144						
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91						
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	143	121						
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105	148						
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	144	136						
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	98	124						
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137						
Detroit	0	6	0	.000	109	172						
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA						
Arizona	6	0	0	1.000	194	109						
L.A. Rams	5	1	0	.833	179	127						
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	117	119						
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	140	149						

**WEEK 6**  
**MONDAY'S RESULT**  
Buffalo at Tennessee, late

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**  
Jacksonville 23, Miami 20  
Baltimore 34, L.A. Chargers 6  
Cincinnati 34, Detroit 11  
Green Bay 24, Chicago 14  
Indianapolis 31, Houston 3  
Kansas City 31, Washington 13  
L.A. Rams 38, N.Y. Giants 11  
Minnesota 34, Carolina 28(OT)  
Arizona 37, Cleveland 14  
Dallas 35, New England 29(OT)  
Las Vegas 34, Denver 24  
Pittsburgh 23, Seattle 20(OT)

**THURSDAY'S RESULT**  
Tampa Bay 28, Philadelphia 22  
**Open:** N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco

**WEEK 7**  
**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Denver at Cleveland, 8:20p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 24**  
Atlanta at Miami, 1p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.  
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1p.m.  
Kansas City at Tennessee, 1p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1p.m.  
Washington at Green Bay, 1p.m.  
Detroit at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m.  
Philadelphia at Las Vegas, 4:05p.m.  
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 4:25p.m.  
Houston at Arizona, 4:25p.m.  
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 8:20p.m.

**MONDAY, OCT. 25**  
New Orleans at Seattle, 8:15p.m.

**Open:** Buffalo, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Minnesota

**LATE SUNDAY:**  
**PITTSBURGH 23, SEATTLE 20, OT**  
**Seattle** 0 0 14 6 0-- 20  
**Pittsburgh** 0 14 3 3 3-- 23  
**Second Quarter**  
**Pit:** Harris 5pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 10:01.  
**Pit:** Ebron 1run (Boswell kick), 1:04.  
**Third Quarter**  
**Sea:** Collins 2run (Myers kick), 9:55.  
**Pit:** FG Boswell 27, 5:46.  
**Sea:** Dissly 1pass from Smith (Myers kick), 3:02.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
**Sea:** FG Myers 40, 12:59.  
**Pit:** FG Boswell 52, 1:30.  
**Sea:** FG Myers 43, :00.  
**First Overtime**  
**Pit:** FG Boswell 37, 2:50.

**TEAM STATS**  
SEA PIT  
First downs 18 22  
Total net yards 309 345  
Rushes-yards 27-144 30-119  
Passing 165 226  
Punt returns 3-20 4-29  
Kickoff returns 3-97 3-73  
Interceptions ret. 0-0 0-0  
Comp-att-int 23-32-0 29-40-0  
Sacked-yards lost 5-44 1-3  
Punts 8-45-5 7-47-857  
Fumbles-lost 3-1 1-1  
Penalties-yards 6-45 5-38  
Time of possession 29:38 37:32

**RUSHING:** Seattle, Collins 20-101, Homer 2-27, Dallas 4-17, Smith 1-(minus 1), Pittsburgh, Harris 24-81, D.Johnson 1-25, Ballage 2-15, Ebron 1-1, Roethlisberger 2-(minus 3).  
**PASSING:** Seattle, Smith 23-32-0-209, Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 29-40-0-229.  
**RECEIVING:** Seattle, Metcalf 6-58, Dallas 5-33, Everett 2-40, Lockett 2-35, Dissly 2-8, Swain 2-(minus 4), Homer 1-27, Hart 1-12, Dorsett 1-3, Collins 1-(minus 3), Pittsburgh, D.Johnson 9-71, Freiermuth 7-58, Harris 6-46, McCloud 2-18, Claypool 2-17, Ebron 2-10, Washington 1-9  
**MISSSED FIELD GOALS:** None.

TENNIS

**KREMLIN CUP**  
Monday at Olympic Stadium; Moscow; indoors-hard.

**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#6Marin Cilic d.  
Damin Dzumhur, 6-7(4), 6-1, 6-1.  
John Millman d.  
Benjamin Bonzi, 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-3.  
James Duckworth d.  
Borna Gojo, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
Ajla Tomljanovic d.  
Ljudmila Samsonova, 6-2, 6-4.  
Anna Kalinskaya d.  
Dayana Yastremska, 7-6(5), 6-4.  
Bernarda Pera, d.  
Aleksandra Krunic, 7-6(3), 6-3.  
Lesia Tsurenko d.  
Qinwen Zheng, 6-4, 6-3.  
Anhelina Kalinina d.  
Daria Kasatkina, 6-2, 6-3.

**WTA TENERIFE LADIES OPEN**  
Monday at Tenerife, Spain; outdoors-hard.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
Jaqueline Adina Cristian d.  
#2Tamara Zidansek, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.  
Xinyu Wang d. # 6Zhang Shuai, 6-2, 6-1.  
Irina-Camelia Begu d.  
Marta Kostyuk, 6-4, 6-4.  
Ann L-d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.  
Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova d.  
Kaja Juvan, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

**ATP EUROPEAN OPEN**  
Monday at Lotto Arena; Antwerp, Belgium; indoors-hard.

**MEN'S SINGLES, QUALIFICATION**  
#1Jenson Brooksby d.  
#8Norbert Gombos, 6-4, 6-2.  
#2Brandon Nakashima d.  
#6Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-2, 6-4.  
#5Henri Laaksonen d.  
#3Bernro Cabanes Baena, 7-5, 6-1.  
#7Dennis Novak d.  
#4Andreas Seppi, 7-6(9), 3-6, 7-6(6).

**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**  
#8Dusan Lajovic d.  
Richard Gasquet, 7-6(3), 6-1.  
Arthur Rinderknech d.  
Federico Delbonis, 6-4, 6-4.  
Botic van de Zandschulp d.  
Alexei Popyrin, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.

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**FOOTBALL**  
**Friday:** vs. Middle Tennessee  
6 p.m., CBS Sports Network

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Maple Leafs forward Mitchell Marner searches for a rebound against Rangers goaltender Igor Shesterkin in second-period play Monday in Toronto. Shesterkin made 40 saves in New York's overtime victory. **EVAN BUHLER/AP**

**RANGERS 2, MAPLE LEAFS 1 (OT)**

# Panarin nets OT winner

**By Colin Stephenson**  
Newsday

TORONTO – Every team has injuries, and these days, any team can lose a player to COVID-19 protocol. And so, the Rangers won't cry about not having Ryan Strome (COVID-19 protocol) and Kaapo Kakko (upper body injury) in their lineup Monday night against the Toronto Maple Leafs. They'll just play. "Do I wish we had our top guys? Definitely," Rangers coach Gerard Gallant said at Monday's morning skate. "But we'll move on. We'll play the, the best we can and work hard, and it's no excuse if you're not winning games. I mean, you put your lineup together, it's an NHL lineup out there, and You might have to play

a little bit different, some guys, but it is what it is." When they needed someone to save them, Artemi Panarin stepped up, scoring his first goal of the season with 1:12 left in the five-minute, sudden-death overtime, to give the Rangers a 2-1 win over the Leafs and starting their four-game road trip, 2-0. Clearly undermanned, the Rangers found a way to hang in there, mainly thanks to Igor Shesterkin, who made 40 saves, including two, officially, in the overtime, until Panarin ended it. Gallant did everything he could, changing his lines to put Panarin on Mika Zibanejad's left wing, with Chris Kreider on the right. Zibanejad scored his first goal of the season in the first period, and he assisted Panarin on the

winner. Rangers forward Kevin Rooney had said in the morning that because the Rangers' two previous games had come against teams they hadn't seen in two seasons, it seems the teams spent much of the first periods of those games "feeling each other out a little bit." And it seemed the same was true again Monday. Toronto, aided by two power plays, held the slight edge in play in the first period, outshooting the Rangers 12-10. But it was the Rangers who held the lead, on a goal by Zibanejad that wasn't given right away. Zibanejad stepped onto the ice on a line change and picked off an attempted clearing pass and fired a shot that clanged off the post and appeared to hit the cross-bar and bounce out.

## CCSU

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The school hasn't had a winning season since 2010-11. In its ranking of all Division I schools, CBSSports.com has the Blue Devils at No. 345 among 358 programs. "We're going to get picked last [in the NEC] in every magazine. The coaches are going to pick us last," said Sellers. "We're going to have to earn everything. So the players at Central Connecticut, you're going to work and earn everything. So the players we bring in, we want guys who are hungry, who have a chip on their shoulder because they weren't recruited by bigger schools. That's the mindset we need, that's the mindset we want, and I think we have a good group of guys like that." CCSU went 5-16 last season and 40-104 over the last five seasons under Donyell Marshall. Sellers, a head-coaching candidate in the past, was hired by his alma mater May 10 after a long search. An assistant coach at Fairfield at the time, Sellers was in a staff meeting when he took the call telling him he was the choice. "When he got the call, they didn't want him to say anything to anybody, and I was looking for a reaction in his face when he came back into the meeting," said

Jay Young, Fairfield's head coach. "And I said, 'Pat I'm never playing poker with you,' because you couldn't tell that he got the job. Then I found out later. It's very emotional. You pay your dues in this business, and you wait a long time for that phone call." Young, like Sellers, had worked as an assistant for many years and finally got his opportunity at Fairfield after a few disappointments. Young and his staff led the Stags to the MAAC championship game last March, where they lost to Iona. "Patrick understands where he is at," Young said. "That's important when you're a head coach, to appreciate what you have, rather than what you don't have. ... Patrick brings incredible energy to every practice, he's really well organized, a really smart basketball guy, and he knows the place, knows the strengths and some of the challenges they have there, and he's back home. It was a home run hire for them." Sellers, after a playing career overseas, coached at St. Thomas Aquinas High in New Britain before joining Dickenman's staff. Then he coached at UMass, at UConn under Jim Calhoun from 2004-10, Hofstra, Creighton, DePaul, Fairleigh Dickinson and Fairfield. "I've worked at so many different places," Sellers said. "I'm trying to take



Central Connecticut interim athletic director Tom Pincince, right, introduces Patrick Sellers as men's basketball coach in May. **COURANT FILE**

some offense from Creighton — Greg McDermott is one of the great offensive coaches in the country — I'm trying to take my defense from Jay Young at Fairfield — he's one of the best defensive coaches in the country — and I'm trying to take the toughness and competitiveness from Coach Calhoun and Coach Dickenman and put it all together. If you come to practice, you'll see some of all of that." With practices underway, Sellers says he has nine viable rotation players. Junior point guard Nigel Scantlebury had 85 assists to 45 turnovers last season. Tre Mitchell, a versatile junior guard, is the top returning scorer with 9.0 points per game and 40 percent shooting from the floor. Zach Newkirk is a third experienced guard. There are a lot of newcom-

ers, including eight freshmen on the roster. "The young guys we've brought in, we're excited about them," Sellers said. "We'll see how they compete." Every school has its unique set of obstacles and resources. Central Connecticut, as a small, state institution, may have more challenges than most but has a coach ready to take them on. He'll make his debut Nov. 9 against No. 24 UConn at Gampel Pavilion. "It's been great," Sellers said. "I've had so many people calling to congratulate me. I've got a great staff, Ben Wood, who worked with me at UConn, and Lamar Chapman, who was at Stony Brook. I'm just excited to run my own program."

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## Hurley

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coaches at the preseason coaches breakfast at Golf Club of Avon, sponsored by Hartford Health to benefit the Jimmy V Foundation. Greenberg served as moderator. Though he found some humor and irony in the fact that UConn, which bills itself the "Basketball Capital of the World," was unable to get its baskets raised, Hurley was also a little embarrassed. "It took two things to pull the event off," he said. "Putting enough air in the basketball and getting the baskets to work. ... To have 6,000 students show up when you don't have a [musical] act, and not be able to have a show, that can't happen." "I'm a part of that failure, obviously the basketball programs are a part of that failure that we weren't able to get the basket up and deliver the evening that the students should have gotten, and I apologize and we should all apologize for that. It shouldn't happen. It can't happen." Though the crew had practiced installing the basket several times earlier in the day, the equipment malfunctioned when it was time to start the scrimmages. Greenberg also asked the coaches about the new ability for athletes to make money on the use of their name, image and likeness.

"If NIL is the first question they want to ask in recruitment, they're not coming to play for me," Hurley said. "Our recruiting approach is, we're going to develop you as a player so you can have a long career professionally and make far more money as a player playing professionally beyond here. Kids making a decision based on where they can make a little bit of NIL money as opposed to, where can I go to develop for the next 50 years of my life, has clouded recruitment and in that way is bad for kids because they're making bad decisions." In other UConn men's basketball news, Tyler Polley, who has a sore ankle, could be back practicing later this week. Rahsool Diggins, who has a bone bruise on one knee, will be out a little longer than that. ... Hurley didn't have any future recruits in attendance on Friday. Bristol's Donovan Clingan, already committed to UConn, was there. UConn did host an unofficial visit from Naasir Cunningham, a top-rated Class of 2024 wing player from New Jersey, later in the weekend, according to The Athletic's Andrew Slater. ... Isaiah Whaley, RJ Cole and Tyrese Martin will accompany Hurley to Big East Media Day in New York on Tuesday.

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## Poll

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than cutting down the nets on the final Monday night of the season. They came close to completing the first unbeaten run since 1976 last year with a wire-to-wire No. 1 team, only to fall to the Bears in a one-sided final in Indianapolis. Now they'll try again. "It is quite an honor to be selected preseason No. 1 for the second consecutive year," Few said in a statement to the AP. "Our returning players realize the challenge of playing up to that level all year and look forward to it." Gonzaga lost AP All-Americans Corey Kispert and Jalen Suggs to the NBA, but second-team selection Drew Timme (19.0 points, 7.0 rebounds) and starting guard Andrew Nembhard return. The Zags also bring in a top recruiting class featuring the nation's No. 1 overall recruit in 7-footer Chet Holmgren and a five-star guard in Hunter Sallis. Going back to the 2019-20 season, the Zags have now been ranked in the top three for 32 straight polls, with 22 of those at No. 1.

## The Big East

Villanova, at No. 4, was the top Big East school in the preseason rankings, followed by UConn at No. 24. Xavier and St. John's were among others receiving votes. The Huskies will learn where they fall in the Big East preseason coaches poll on Tuesday at the conference's media day in New York. All-Tournament teams and other preseason award winners will also be revealed.

## The top tier

Second-year coach Mick Cronin has UCLA on a fast climb. Leading scorer Johnny Juzang (16.0 ppg) headlines a Bruins roster that returns nearly intact after last year's run from the First Four to

the Final Four, where they lost to Gonzaga on a half-court shot in an overtime classic. They are starting with their first top-10 preseason ranking since 2009 and their first top-10 ranking in any AP poll since spending 13 weeks there during the 2016-17 season. "If we taught anybody anything last year," Cronin said this month, "your seed or your ranking does not matter come tournament time." The champs Baylor has a second straight top-10 preseason ranking despite losing four starters from last season's title winner, including AP All-Americans Jared Butler and Davion Mitchell. The Bears will try to join Duke (1991-92) and Florida (2006-07) as the only schools to win consecutive titles since UCLA's run of seven straight from 1967-73.

## Bluebloods back?

Duke and Kentucky are starting with their typically high rankings after seasons unlike many in their tradition-rich histories. The ninth-ranked Blue Devils are playing the final season under retiring Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski. They're coming off a 13-11 season that included missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. The 10th-ranked Wildcats are right behind them after a 9-16 season, the program's first losing record since 1988-89. Then there's North Carolina, which made the NCAA Tournament but was inconsistent all season and out of the Top 25 before Christmas. The Tar Heels open at No. 19 in their first season under Hubert Davis, promoted after the retirement of Hall of Famer Roy Williams in April.

Courant staff writer Dom Amore contributed to this report.

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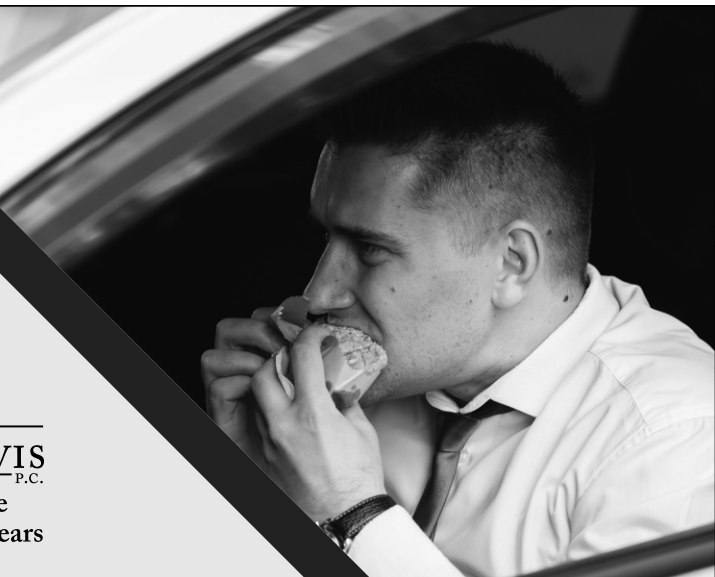
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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Gonzaga tops preseason hoops poll

Gonzaga carried a No. 1 ranking all last season before falling a win short of becoming college basketball's first unbeaten national champion in 45 years. Mark Few's Bulldogs start this season in the same position, hoping to complete that final step this time around. The Zags were the runaway top choice in The AP Top 25 men's college basketball preseason poll released Monday. They earned 55 of 63 first-place votes to easily outdistance No. 2 UCLA, which earned the other eight. Kansas, Villanova and Texas rounded out the top five, while reigning national champ Baylor checked in at No. 8. The Zags have accomplished just about every milestone possible in 23 years under Few other than cutting down the nets on the final Monday night of the season. They came close to completing the first unbeaten run since 1976 last year with a wire-to-wire No. 1 team, only to fall to the Bears in a one-sided final. Gonzaga lost AP All-Americans Corey Kispert and Jalen Suggs to the NBA, but second-team selection Drew Timme (19.0 points, 7.0 rebounds) and starting guard Andrew Nembhard return. The Zags also bring in a top recruiting class featuring the nation's No. 1 overall recruit in 7-footer Chet Holmgren and a five-star guard in Hunter Sallis.

NHL punishes Kane for fake vax card



The NHL has suspended Sharks forward Evander Kane for 21 games for submitting a fake COVID-19 vaccination card. Using a fake vaccination card is illegal in both the United States and Canada, as well as against NHL rules. The league on Monday announced the suspension without pay and said Kane will not be eligible to play until Nov. 30. Kane will forfeit about \$1.68 million of his \$7 million salary for this season with the money going to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund. The league also announced that a concurrent investigation into allegations of sexual and physical abuse made against Kane by his estranged wife, Anna, couldn't be substantiated. Kane hadn't been around the team since the start of training camp while these investigations were ongoing in an agreement between him and the team. Kane had previously been cleared by the NHL in an investigation into allegations made by Anna Kane that he bet on hockey games, including some against the Sharks. Kane, 30, is three seasons into a \$49 million, seven-year contract. Last season, he had 22 goals and 27 assists in 56 games.

Browns RB Hunt to miss 4-6 weeks

The Browns will be without one of their best offensive players for quite a while. He might have company on the sideline. Running back Kareem Hunt is expected to miss at least one month because of a significant calf injury sustained against the Cardinals on Sunday, one of several key injuries to a Browns team with little time to heal. The Browns are also awaiting further tests on quarterback Baker Mayfield's injured left shoulder, and they aren't sure yet if he — or other starters, including running back Nick Chubb and receiver Odell Beckham Jr. — will be able to play Thursday night against the Broncos. Hunt has rushed for 361 yards and five TDs. Stefanski said that Hunt will likely go on injured reserve, which means missing at least three games. Stefanski said Hunt's injury is more in the ballpark of four to six weeks. The Browns (3-3) were already missing Chubb due to a calf injury, along with starting offensive tackles Jack Conklin and Jedrick Wills Jr., and Beckham took a hard shot to right shoulder against the Cardinals. Mayfield, who has been playing with a partially torn labrum in his non-throwing shoulder, had his shoulder twice pop out of the socket while committing three turnovers in the lopsided home loss. —AP



Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks have their sights set on winning a second straight NBA championship. JUSTIN CASTERLINE/GETTY

NBA SEASON PREVIEW

## Tipoff time finally arrives

Lots of storylines on, off court as 2021-22 campaign begins

By Tim Reynolds  
Associated Press

Adam Silver, the basketball fan, would prefer to see Kyrie Irving on the court again with the Nets as soon as possible. Adam Silver, the NBA commissioner, would prefer to see Irving vaccinated. Silver said Monday he hopes Irving — one of the few players in the league who hasn't yet chosen to be vaccinated — changes his mind before long and clears a path to get back on the floor with the Nets. "I would like to see our players vaccinated, because I think it's a public service of sorts, particularly to young people who might not see the value of getting vaccinated," Silver said on the eve of the league's 75th anniversary season, the third to be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Irving can't play for the Nets in large part because of rules unique to New York and San Francisco requiring vaccinations as a prerequisite for working. The Nets announced last week that Irving wouldn't be involved in any team activities going forward "until he is eligible to be a full participant." About 96% of NBA players have been vaccinated, Silver said. That means that about 20, or less than one per team on average, are not. Anyone working games in proximity to players this season, from referees to stat-crew employees, must be vaccinated by league mandate. "I hope that Kyrie, despite how strongly he feels about the vaccination, ultimately decides to get vaccinated because I'd love to see him play basketball this season," Silver said.

In other matters Silver discussed Monday: ■ Silver said the league's \$10 billion revenue projection for 2021-22 is based on having full arenas all season. He said the league missed revenue projections by about 35% last season, largely because arenas were not filled for much of the year. ■ There still are no resolutions to league investigations into the sign-and-trade deals that sent Lonzo Ball to the Bulls and Kyle Lowry to the Heat this summer. The investigations are trying to determine if the Bulls or Heat broke league rules by making contact with the players before the NBA's negotiating window opened. ■ Adding an in-season tournament, something Silver has sought for some time and models in part after what exists in European soccer, remains a viable possibility going forward. "I think we're still in the process of formulating what would be the best proposal for all concerned," Silver said. ■ Expansion will be a serious topic again, "at some point," Silver said. Seattle is a city the league is eyeing, but the league won't look at growing past the current 30 teams until it is "fully through the pandemic and know that we're back operating on all cylinders."

Some other storylines entering the 2021-22 season:

**Goals for Giannis**

The last time there was an NBA contest that mattered, Giannis Antetokounmpo picked the perfect time to have the game of his life. His numbers: 50 points, 14 rebounds. Only the third such game with that many points and rebounds in NBA Finals history. The Bucks were crowned world champions for the first time in 50 years, Antetokounmpo

— who played through a knee injury in the series — was the easy choice as NBA Finals MVP. And if that wasn't enough, the story might have gotten even happier for Bucks fans two months later when Antetokounmpo announced that he's just getting started. "I don't care about trophies. I don't care about the MVP's. I don't care about defensive player of the years. All those things, I don't care," Antetokounmpo said. "I care about getting better because I know if I do that, there's more things coming." The Bucks will try to become the first Eastern Conference team to win back-to-back NBA titles since the Heat in 2012 and 2013.

**International matters**

This season is only the third in NBA history that will begin with the reigning MVP and Finals MVP both hailing from outside the U.S. Antetokounmpo, who's Greek, won the finals award and the Nuggets' Nikola Jokic, from Serbia, was the overwhelming pick for the regular-season honor. Nigeria's Hakeem Olajuwon won both awards in the 1993-94 season, and in 2006-07, the Spurs' Tony Parker (France) won Finals MVP while the Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (Germany) won the regular-season MVP award.

**Chasing MJ**

The Warriors' Stephen Curry won the league's scoring title last season, averaging 32.0 points per game in a season where he turned 33. Only one player was an older NBA scoring champion: Michael Jordan turned 35 during the 1997-98 season, when he led the NBA in scoring for the final time.

NFL

## Six weeks in, mediocrity name of game




By Rob Maaddi  
Associated Press

Six weeks into the NFL season and each conference has only six teams with a winning record. A league that prides itself on parity is loaded with mediocre and poor teams. Five clubs have one win, the Lions are winless and four division races are all but over, barring major injuries to the first-place teams. Even the two-time defending AFC champion Chiefs are just 3-3. At least the race for the No. 1 overall draft pick will be intriguing. The Lions (0-6) are the front-runner, but the Texans, Dolphins, Jaguars, Giants and Jets each have a real shot with only one win. The Dolphins traded the pick to the Eagles, so they can't even benefit from losing. Passing up Justin Herbert for Tua Tagovailoa may haunt the Dolphins for a decade. The Lions may be the best of this bunch despite a 34-11 loss to the Bengals. They were close to two wins before losing to the Ravens on Justin Tucker's record-setting 66-yard field goal and to the Vikings on a 54-yarder as time expired. The Texans should be the favorite to finish with the worst record if they stick with rookie Davis Mills when Tyrod Taylor returns. The Texans have been outscored by an average margin of 13.3 points per game and still haven't resolved the Deshaun Watson dilemma. The Jags had to leave the country to finally earn their first win with Urban Meyer and Trevor Lawrence. Meyer's transition to the NFL hasn't been smooth, but he has a franchise QB in Lawrence. The banged-up Giants keep losing players as the losses pile up. They had no chance against the Rams, who weren't satisfied with a 38-11 rout over the Giants. The Jets (1-4) had the week off. The East is the least in both the NFC and AFC. The Cowboys (5-1) have won as many games as the Washington Football Team (2-4), Eagles (2-4) and Giants combined after rallying for an overtime road victory against the Patriots. If Dak Prescott stays healthy — he underwent an MRI on Monday after straining his calf on the winning touchdown pass against the Patriots — the Cowboys should wrap up the NFC East by Thanksgiving. Same for the Bills (4-1) in the AFC East, as long as Josh Allen doesn't go down. The Bills would surpass the combined win total of the Patriots (2-4), Dolphins and Jets with a road win over the Titans on Monday night, which ended too late for this edition. The Patriots are 0-4 at home for the first time in Bill Belichick's 22 seasons as coach. The Buccaneers (5-1) and Packers (5-1) each have two-game leads and should cruise to division titles, barring injuries. The defending Super Bowl champion Bucs haven't even hit their peak yet. Tom Brady is off to an excellent start and the offense still is improving. The Bucs had the weekend off. Aaron Rodgers and the Packers still own the Bears following a 24-14 victory at Soldier Field. The Bears (3-3) and Vikings (3-3) aren't in the Packers' class. The Panthers (3-3) and Broncos (3-3) each started 3-0, but lately they've proven they're not serious contenders. The AFC South could give both East divisions a run for futility. It'll be a two-team race between the Titans and Colts (2-4) for the top spot after Carson Wentz looked more like his old self in the Colts' win over the Texans. But the division winner should end up with a winning record thanks to four games against the Texans and Jags. The NFL has some elite teams. The Cardinals are 6-0. The Bucs, Packers, Rams and Cowboys are 20-4 combined. The injury-depleted Ravens (5-1) have been impressive, and the Bills made a statement last week routing the Chiefs. But far more clubs have no chance to win much this season.



WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny, breezy and seasonable. Northwest winds of 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

HIGH 63° LOW 51°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, breezy at times, turning milder.

HIGH 71° LOW 49°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine, then increasing afternoon cloudiness, mild. Chance for a shower overnight.

HIGH 73° LOW 53°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and remaining milder than normal.

HIGH 69° LOW 49°

SATURDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds, some sunshine, a shower is possible, cooler.

HIGH 62° LOW 43°

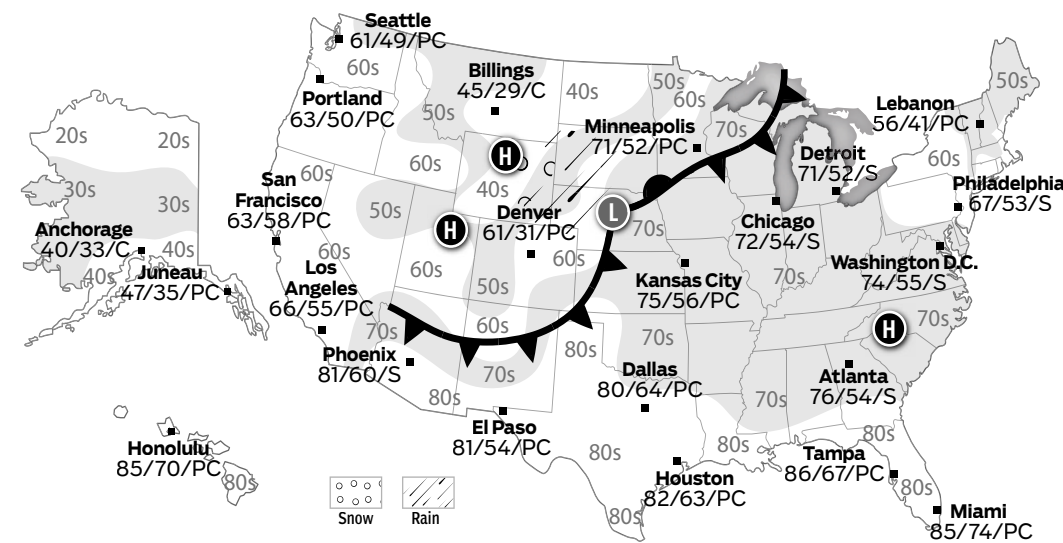
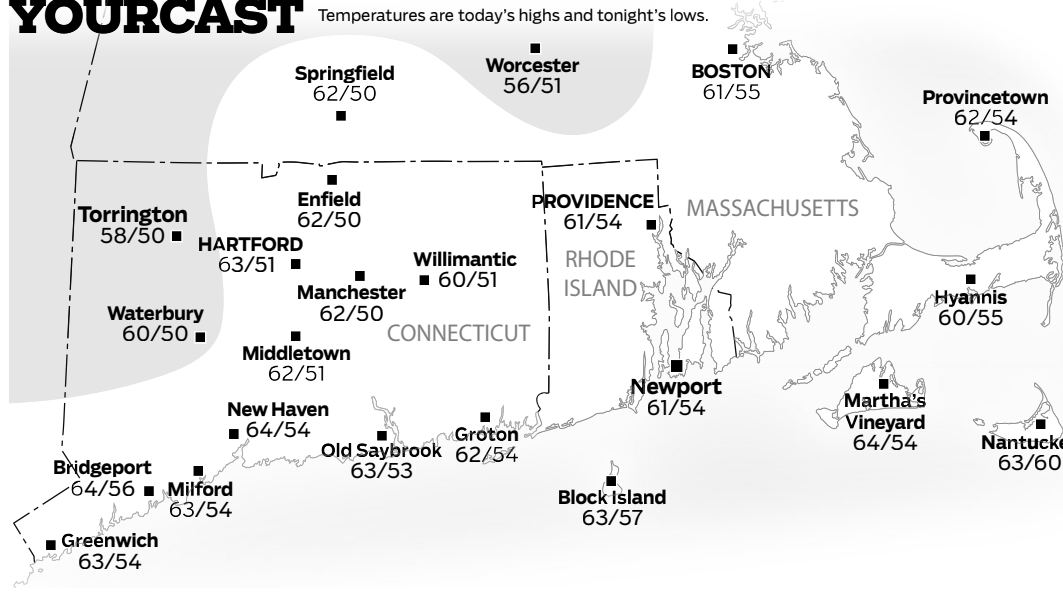
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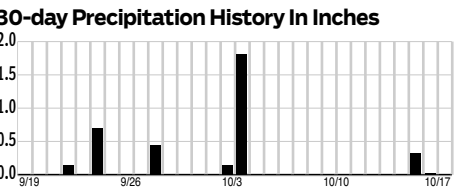
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-Gary Lessor

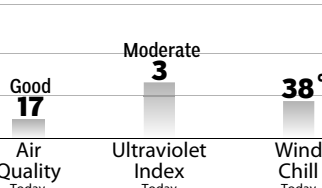
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Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	Trace 0.15
Month to date	2.31 2.76
Total this year	47.68 37.70

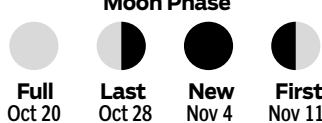
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	6:04 p.m.	6:03 p.m.
Moonrise	5:58 p.m.	6:20 p.m.
Moonset	5:55 a.m.	6:58 a.m.

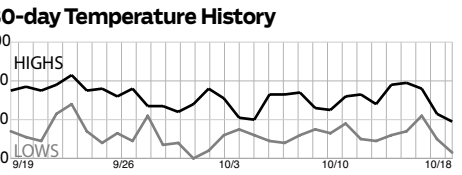


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N.L. State Pier	9:09 a.m.	3:15 a.m.	68°
Saybrook Jetty	10:20 a.m.	4:08 a.m.	67°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:39 a.m.	7:54 a.m.	
Madison	1:03 p.m.	8:29 p.m.	
New Haven	11:01 a.m.	4:49 a.m.	68°
Stamford	11:05 a.m.	5:03 a.m.	69°
	11:28 p.m.	5:34 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford:	5.33 feet at 4:30 p.m.
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W MSunny
Wind	W, 15-20
Seas	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	59 at 12:39 p.m.	43 at 5:36 a.m.
Normal for date	63	42
Record for date	84 in 2016	17 in 1978
A year ago	63	31
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Oct 18	135	283	258



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.80 at 8 a.m.	29.77 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	43° at 11 a.m.	39° at 2 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-North  
**BLOOMFIELD 4, HARTFORD PUBLIC 0**  
NCCC  
**EAST GRANBY 4, STAFFORD 1**  
Goals: EG—Vincent Auger (2), Ben Nardi, Nick Morrell; S—Matt Contois.  
Saves: EG—Dylan Brunelle and Matt Fagnant; S—Ryan Duffy, 11. Rec.: EG—5-5-2; S—1-8-1.  
CRAL  
**PARISH HILL 9, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 2**  
Goals: PH—Cy/Leek Zaimoff (6), Nate Sweat, Alexander Dominique, Isaiiah Smallhorn; A—Rahman Aminu-Jimbah, Muhammad Hussein. Saves: PH—Gabe Victoria, 5. Rec.: PH—11-1-1; A—0-1-1.  
Note: Zaimoff's 5 goals gave him 33rd this season, a new career best.  
**AEROSPACE 8, MLC 2**  
Goals: A—Caly Estrada (2), Jae'Len Mitchell (2), Hayden Misunas, Glenroy Drummond, Raymond Udobong, Matthew Haughton; M—La'Shion Robinson, Elijah Hernandez. Saves: A—Michel Clarke, 3; M—Kymani Rochester, 9. Rec.: A—9-1-1; M—3-7-0.  
**CLASSICAL 2, UNIVERSITY/PRINCE TECH 0**  
SCC  
**XAVIER 5, AMITY 0**  
HAND 7, SHEEHAN 0  
LYMAN HALL 1, EAST HAVEN 0

NVL  
**SEYMOUR 4, ST. PAUL 3**  
Others  
**BOLTON 2, CROMWELL 0**  
Goals: B—Dylan Bonanno, Dimani Rainford. Saves: B—Trevor Buchanan, 3; C—Donny Herman, 5. Rec.: B—6-4-2; C—6-6-1.  
**INNOVATION 5, HMTCA 0**  
Goals: I—Waseem Alsafari (4), Jairo Sibrian. Saves: I—Arnez Falcon, 10; H—Jacob Karwowski, 17. Rec.: I—6-3-1; H—0-0-11.  
**ELLINGTON 3, NFA 0**  
**GIRLS SOCCER**

CCC-East  
**SOUTH WINDSOR 3, ENFIELD 0**  
Goals: SW—Emerson Iacovelli, Candace Walsh, Katelyn Roux. Saves: SW—Maria Galley, 6; E—Mia Daly, 8. Rec.: SW—3-5-3; E—6-5.  
NCCC  
**EAST WINDSOR/MSA/BULKELEY 3, HMTCA 2**  
Goals: EW—Alex Witzke, Samantha Ruggiero, Ceirra Thibodeau; H—Zendi McKenzie-Henderson (2). Saves: EW—Katie Blume, 2; H—Jazlyn Vega, 16. Rec.: EW—4-9; H—0-10-1.  
**EAST GRANBY 2, BOLTON 1**  
Goals: EG—Chloe Rapose, Julia Walsh; C—Paris Delbone. Saves: EG—Ava Guyer, 17; C—Julia Lau, 10. Rec.: EG—5-3-4; C—6-6.  
Shoreline  
**HADDAM-KILLINGBROOK 1, MORGAN 1**  
**HALE-RAY 4, WESTBROOK 2**  
**PORTLAND 4, EAST HAMPTON 0**  
**COGINCHAUG 7, NORTH BRANFORD 0**  
**VALLEY REGIONAL 0, OLD LYME 0**  
CRAL  
**PARISH HILL 4, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/ AEROSPACE 0**  
Goals: PH—Lindsey Pawlikowski (3), Destiny Hernandez. Saves: PH—Lexi Smardon, 4; CL—Giovanni Shaw, 2. Rec.: PH—4-7-2; CL—3-5.  
SCC  
**MERCY 5, EAST HAVEN 0**  
Goals: M—Allie Epright, Haley Morales, Avery Kohs, Meg Gallagher, Kate Donlan. Saves: M—Melina Ford, 4; EH—Jasmin Pinos, 14. Rec.: M—9-2-2; EH—4-7-2.  
**FORAN 4, LYMAN HALL 0**  
Goals: F—Colleen Ardolino (2), Mia Loewenberg, Zoe Falloni. Saves: F—Hannah Falkowski, 4; LH—Kayla Reeves, 4. Rec.: F—6-3-2; LH—5-8.  
**CHESHIRE 5, HAMDEN 1**  
**HAND 2, LAURALTON HALL 0**

Others  
**INNOVATION 5, GOODWIN TECH 2**  
Goals: I—Alice Bidao (3), Naida Dautovis, Kaylah Ford; GT—Jillian Yezielski. Saves: I—Te'jah Roberts, 4; GT—Arianna White and Kihara Samuels, 5. Rec.: I—4-3-2; GT—2-8-1.  
**CROMWELL 3, BOLTON 0**  
Goals: C—Erin Sokolowski, Gabby Voccio, Katie Barber. Saves: C—Lilly Kenney, 9; B—Allie Buonomano, 10. Rec.: C—8-0-5; B—3-7-1.

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC  
**CONARD 6, LEWIS MILLS 0**  
Goals: C—Zoe Wojciechowski, Mason Capone, Sarah Gallagher, Leah Nelson, Lily Kluskievich, C. Gfeller. Saves: C—Lilly Grose, 1; LM—Avery Rhinesmith, 14. Rec.: C—9-2-1; LM—4-7.  
**FARMINGTON 8, WINDSOR 2**  
**SIMSBUURY 3, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0**  
Shoreline  
**OLD SAYBROOK 2, WESTBROOK/OLD LYME 0**

Others  
**GRANBY 5, NORTHWESTERN 0**  
Goals: G—Nora Gies (2), Fran Caley (2), Delaney Grimaldi. Rec.: G—8-3; N—1-10.  
**IMMACULATE 2, EAST CATHOLIC 1**  
**HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 1, MERCY 0**  
**STAFFORD 7, LYMAN HALL 1**  
**MORGAN 3, SOMERS 0**

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-North  
**NEWINGTON 3, WINDSOR 2 (22-25, 23-25, 25-16, 25-21, 15-5)**  
N: Maya Kozulowski, 16kills, 4blocks, 3 aces, Diana Slivinski, 7kills; W: Olivia Casciano, 11digs, 5kills, 3assists, Allison McGovern, 9aces, 8digs, 3kills. Rec.: N—8-6; W—6-8.  
**ROCKY HILL 3, BULKELEY 0**  
**NEW BRITAIN 3, HARTFORD PUBLIC 0**  
**WETHERSFIELD 3, BLOOMFIELD 0**  
CCC-South  
**MALONEY 3, LEWIS MILLS 0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-13)**  
M: Savannah Bernucci, 12kills, 3aces, Ashley Case, 6kills, Gracey Massicotte, 18assists, 5kills, 3aces; LM: Caitlin Hekeler, 9digs, 2kills. Rec.: M—13-3; LM—4-13.  
**BRISTOL CENTRAL 3, PLAINVILLE 0 (25-12, 25-8, 25-7)**  
BC: Maddie Lodovico, 8kills, 4aces, Olivia Clingan, 9kills, 3aces. Rec.: BC—13-3; P—11-5.  
CCC-East  
**RHAM 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-4, 25-11, 25-7)**  
R: Ally Hadley, 10kills, 10digs, 5aces, Sarah West, 10kills, 3aces, Lani Fecho, 10kills, 7digs. Rec.: R—14-1; EH—9-6.  
**SOUTH WINDSOR 3, TOLLAND 0**  
**E.O. SMITH 3, EAST CATHOLIC 0**  
**MANCHESTER 3, ENFIELD 1**  
CCC-West  
**GLASTONBURY 3, HALL 0 (25-11, 25-19, 25-13)**  
G: Evelyn Brenton, 11kills, 6blocks, Kayla Valanches, 8kills, 4blocks; H: Allison Chung, 5aces, Nora Hanlon, 5kills, 4digs. Rec.: G—11-4; H—6-8.  
**SOUTHINGTON 3, AVON 0 (25-21, 26-24, 25-10)**  
S: Gabby Ferreira, 12kills, 7digs, 2aces, Haley Weiner, 18assists, Megan Smith, 11assists. Rec.: S—11-4; A—2-12.  
**CONARD 3, SIMSBURY 0 (26-24, 25-12, 25-12)**  
C: Nyssa Park, 25assists, 11digs, 5aces, Izzy Pincine, 8kills, 5digs, 2aces. Rec.: C—13-1; S—12-4.  
**FARMINGTON 3, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0**  
NCCC  
**SMSA 3, CANTON 0 (25-14, 25-12, 25-19)**  
S: Yarieshka Sierra, 7aces, 5kills, Abigail Lee, 12assists, 7aces; C: Sophia Mates, 3kills, 2blocks. Rec.: S—8-8; C—3-12.

NETS

Nash: Rotations a work in progress heading into opener against Bucks

By Kristian Winfield  
New York Daily News

Don't expect any consistent rotations or lineups from coach Steve Nash to start the Nets' 2021-22 NBA season. The Nets are scrambling to figure out how they'll replace Kyrie Irving's production by committee.

That means the 27 points, six assists and five rebounds per game Irving generated last season will now be split among the teammates he stranded with his decision not to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Not to mention the clutch shooting late in games. That's easier said than done.

Yet the Nets' active free agency gives them a bit more leeway to tinker with line-ups, an experiment Nash will study well beyond Tuesday's opening-night matchup against the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Nets have played with a number of lineups since training camp began because of the versatility and flexibility of their roster. They can go small, they can go big, they can go score-first or trot out a lineup of defensive stoppers. "We have lots of different lineups and depth," Nash said after Monday's practice before catching the flight to Milwaukee. "So I think that's

something that is positive but takes time. These guys haven't played together, and so to give them an opportunity to see what combinations work, what type of line-ups work, and see if there's certain styles that emerge from those lineups, that's a process that I think takes time."

Without Irving, Nash preached that the team will lean on "institutional knowledge," that is, players who have been around long enough to know what the coach wants executed on the court.

Nets star Kevin Durant said rotations aren't something that can be rushed.

"For some guys, just understanding what coach needs and figuring out what the team needs from them," Durant said after Monday's practice.

Without Jeff Green (signed with Nuggets) and DeAndre Jordan (signed with Lakers), and with no Irving for the foreseeable future, the lineup of Blake Griffin, Durant, Joe Harris, James Harden and Bruce Brown provides the institutional knowledge Nash wants. Yet those five players didn't play a single minute together on the floor last season, according to data from the NBA's advanced lineups tool.

CLASSICAL 3, MLC 0 (25-11, 25-18, 25-14)  
Rec.: C—4-9; M—3-11.  
WEAVER 3, CAPITAL PREP 2  
SCC  
LYMAN HALL 3, WILBUR CROSS 1

EACC  
BACON ACADEMY 3, PLAINFIELD 0  
NEW LONDON 3, WINDHAM 1

Others  
**BOLTON 3, CHENEY TECH 0 (25-9, 25-13, 25-21)**  
B: Maddy Hills, 5kills, 2aces, Breelein McDougal, 8digs, 3aces, 2kills; CT: LaJoy Edwards, 8digs, 4kills, 3assists, Tahira Jilu, 8digs, 4assists, 2kills. Rec.: B—9-5; CT—1-13.  
**PRINCE TECH 3, AEROSPACE 1 (15-25, 25-23, 25-22, 26-24)**  
PT: Paula Colon, 10digs, 3aces, 2kills, Shanely Perez, 7kills, 4aces, 3digs; A: Hazel Patel, 8assists, 7aces, 7kills,

Nysy Soto, 12digs, 3kills, 2aces. Rec.: PT—12-3; A—12-3.  
**GOODWIN TECH 3, TERRYVILLE 0 (25-6, 25-18, 25-11)**  
GT: Maribel Gonzalez, 6aces, 6kills, Javielle Merle-Gonzalez, 9assists, 5digs, 3kills; T—Alexa Harnish, 3assists, 2aces. Rec.: GT—15-2; T—2-11.  
**GRANBY 3, WAMOGO 0**

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CTC Championship (Wickham Park, Manchester)  
Team results: 1. Platt Tech, 55; 2. Prince Tech, 87; 3. Ellis Tech, 96; 4. Abbott Tech, 124; 5. Norwich Tech, 127; 6. Wolcott Tech, 146; 7. Kaynor Tech, 171; 8. Wilcox Tech, 179; 9. Grasso Tech, 212; 10. Cheney Tech, 217.  
Top 5 individuals: 1. Christian Malave, Ansonia, 18:21; 2. Jeremy Rivera, Prince Tech, 18:26; 3. Kelynn Velazquez, Platt Tech, 19:54; 4. Julian Wimler, Vinal Tech, 20:04; 5. Adonis Rodriguez, Kaynor Tech, 20:18.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

CTC Championship (Wickham Park, Manchester)  
Team results: 1. Abbott Tech, 17; 2. Kaynor Tech, 85; 3. Wilcox Tech, 97; 4. Platt Tech, 104; 5. Prince Tech, 118; 6. Wright Tech, 121; 7. Bullard-Havens, 171.  
Top 5 individuals: 1. Paige Raffaele, Abbott Tech, 21:58; 2. Dellaney Flower, Abbott Tech, 23:34; 3. Sierra Morrison, Abbott Tech, 23:54; 4. Kylee Morrison, Grasso Tech, 25:25; 5. Saniya Denton, Abbott Tech, 25:37.

BOYS GOLF

State Tournaments  
Division I Championship  
At Chippabee CC, Bristol—Par 70  
Top 5 teams: 1. New Canaan, 312(+32); 2. Glastonbury, 314; 3. Greenwich, 316; 4. Wilton, 319; 5. Darien, 321.  
Top 10 individuals: 1. Connor Goode, Glastonbury, 70(+2); 2. Will Gregory, Conard, Angad Manaise, Westhill and Alex Elia, Wilton, 73; 7-15. Michael Guerrero, Farmington, Luke Scanlan, Greenwich, Charles Schroe, Greenwich, Harrison Browne, Staples and Marc DeGaetano New Canaan, 76; T-10. Andrew Lewis, Conard and Hudson Hagmann, Wilton, 77.  
Division II Championship  
At Silo Point CC, Southbury—Par 72  
Top 5 teams: 1. St. Joseph, 317; 2. Berlin, 326; 3. Masuk, 331; 4. Pomperaug, 332; 5. Northwest Catholic, 339.  
Top 10 individuals: 1. Zim McAuliffe, Housatonic, 74(+2); 2. Robbie Sluga, St. Joseph, 75; 3. Daniel Casanta, Pomperaug, 77; 5. Andrew Flynn, St. Joseph, 79; T-6. James Hurley, Northwest Catholic and Alexander Guigno, Masuk, 80; T-8. Tanner Ostrop, Northwest Catholic, Aiden Carrano, Lewis Mills and Anthony Jacozzi, St. Joseph, 81.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-North: Bulkeley at Windsor; Wethersfield at New Britain; Newington at Rocky Hill, 6p.m.  
CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Middletown, 3:30p.m.; Bristol Central at Lewis Mills, 4p.m.; Maloney at Plainville, 4:30 p.m.; Platt at Berlin, 6:15p.m.  
CCC-East: E.O. Smith at RHAM; East Catholic at East Hartford; Manchester at South Windsor, 4p.m.; Tolland at Enfield, 6p.m.  
CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Avon; Conard at Glastonbury; Hall at Simsbury, 6p.m.  
NCCC: Rockville at Stafford; East Windsor at Coventry; Granby at Windsor Locks; HMTCA at Suffield, 4p.m.; SMSA/Bulkeley at Somers, 4:15p.m.  
Shoreline: North Branford at Coginchaug; Valley Regional at Old Lyme; Cromwell at Old Saybrook; Hale-Ray

at Westbrook; Portland at East Hampton, 6p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Morgan, 6:30p.m.  
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Goodwin Tech; Ellis Tech at Windham Tech; Vinal Tech at Cheney Tech, 5:15p.m.